

Tucson Soccer Academy Scholarship Program

No player should be denied the opportunity to play because of financial need.



OVERVIEW

The Tucson Soccer Academy seeks to provide every committed player an opportunity to participate in our program. Financial assistance is allocated to families based on need. We regret that we are only able to provide financial assistance to the neediest families. Assistance is provided for coaching fees only. All TSA players are required to pay the club registration fee and are responsible for other miscellaneous team expenses. Scholarship assistance is provided for only one playing season (i.e. 2017-2018) at a time. Please read all instructions carefully before completing the application.

CRITERIA USED FOR SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

- Application & financial need based on the last year's tax returns
- Compliance with previous TSA obligations
- Level of involvement of applicant in youth soccer and loyalty to TSA
- Level of involvement of applicant's family (parents, siblings) in TSA & the number of children in that family who are in TSA programs
- Level of involvement in extracurricular activities (school, community)
- Attempts made by team to fund the player
- Additional fundraising efforts on the player's behalf

**** Note:** All applications will be evaluated without regard to gender, race, color, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.

REQUIRED FORMS

1. TSA Player Scholarship Application
2. TSA Financial Assistance Application
3. Pima County Junior Soccer League Financial Assistance Request Form
4. 2016 Federal Income Tax Return and all related schedules, for all family members residing with the applicant and/or all guardians or family members providing financial support to the applicant. In some cases, additional documentation (e.g., other tax forms, W-2's, etc.) may also be required for TSA to make a determination of the family's financial status.

**** Note:** For families with multiple children in TSA, only one copy of the Federal Income Tax Return is required.

MAXINMOTION SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENT

The Arizona Youth Soccer Association's *MaxInMotion* scholarship program offers assistance to needy families. This financial assistance is intended to cover a portion of the other necessary expenses associated with playing youth soccer aside from coaching fees.

**** TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A TSA SCHOLARSHIP IN 2017, APPLICANTS MUST ALSO APPLY FOR THE *MaxInMotion* SCHOLARSHIP.** In 2016, applications for this scholarship became available in early June with a deadline for completed applications of July 6. *MaxInMotion* requires all applicants to submit a copy of their entire previous year's tax return to be considered for an award. While MaxInMotion scholarship applications are completed on line, **a printed copy of your tax return must be submitted to the TSA Scholarship Program Coordinator by July 1, 2017.** After reviewing these documents, TSA will pass them along to AYSA's scholarship coordinator. These tax documents will be destroyed once the application process is completed.

MaxInMotion scholarship awards are applied against registration fees. Families with multiple children in TSA should submit separate applications for each child. However, only one copy of the tax return is required from families with multiple children in TSA. Notification of *MaxInMotion* scholarship award amounts usually comes in early September.

****All forms must be submitted and filled out completely or your application will not be processed.**

CONFIDENTIALITY

All information included on the applications will be held in the strictest confidence. Only TSA Scholarship Program Coordinator Charlie MacCabe and his support staff will review the applications.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline is July 1, 2017.

- Applications may be emailed, mailed, or delivered in person.
- ***Emailed applications must be submitted as PDF files.***
- ***Do not photograph your application pages*** and then email in that format. ***Do not attempt to fax applications.***
- A hard (printed) copy of your entire 2016 federal income tax return must accompany your application. This copy of your tax return will also be used to meet the MaxInMotion Scholarship's requirement (see above). You will still have to complete a MaxInMotion Scholarship application on line prior to the deadline.
- All mailed applications must be postmarked by July 1, 2017. Applications received after that date will only be considered if funds remain available in the TSA Scholarship Fund.
- Any application received after July 1 will have a 20% reduction in the amount of the award.
- Any application received after August 1 will have a 40% reduction in the amount of the award.
- TSA Scholarship Application forms are available in Spanish.

****Note:** Players new to TSA who join teams after July 1 will be considered for financial assistance without penalty if scholarship funds remain available.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD NOTIFICATION

- All complete applications will be processed in a timely fashion. Applicants who submit all their materials by July 1, 2017 will be notified of their award in a letter no later than August 1, 2017. Notification will be sent by email.
- These notifications will include **a scholarship award letter that must be signed and returned to Scholarship Program Coordinator Charlie MacCabe (see below)**. Once this acceptance letter is received by TSA, the TSA treasurer, team coach, and team treasurer will be notified of the scholarship amount awarded to that player. Scholarship awards do not go into effect until the signed award letter has been received by the scholarship coordinator.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOLARSHIP PLAYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

- To be considered, returning TSA players must be in good financial standing with TSA and have demonstrated a consistently high level of commitment, responsibility, and citizenship to their team(s).
- New and returning players must complete all the required forms.
- **Compliance Obligations – SEE BELOW**
- Scholarship players are also required to participate in all team fundraisers.
- Families are required to notify the scholarship program director if their financial situation changes during the playing season.
- **Failure to complete these obligations will result in the suspension or termination of TSA scholarship assistance.**

COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS

1) All scholarship players or their parents/guardians must assist with the TSA Kick-Off Breakfast or the TSA Tournament. For 2017-18, all scholarship players with last names beginning with A-L will assist with the TSA Breakfast, and those with last names beginning with M-Z will assist with the TSA Tournament.

Those families assisting with the TSA Breakfast must contact TSA Volunteer Coordinator Christin Linehan (christintsa@yahoo.com/520-400-5871) at least 10 day prior to that event to arrange your volunteer task

Those families assisting with the TSA Tournament must attend a mandatory meeting approximately two weeks prior to the Tournament where you will be assigned your volunteer task.

Field marshal assistance at the TSA Tournament is expected from ALL TSA families and does NOT constitute fulfillment of scholarship compliance obligations.

- After assisting with the Kick-Off Breakfast, scholarship families must return their signed compliance forms to the Kickoff Breakfast Coordinator, or Charlie MacCabe, TSA Scholarship Program Coordinator.
- After assisting with the TSA Tournament, scholarship families must return their signed compliance forms to the TSA Tournament Coordinator, or Charlie MacCabe, TSA Scholarship Program Coordinator.
- Blank compliance forms will be distributed with the award letter.
- **Scholarship recipients who fail to return their signed compliance forms by October 15 will have their scholarship assistance suspended immediately and have any future assistance reduced by 20%.** Suspended scholarships may be reinstated, with a 20% penalty, by providing some service to TSA at the discretion of the scholarship coordinator.

2) All scholarship players (U-12 and above) must assist with the TSA Youth Academy (“Y Academy”) at least once during fall, and once during the spring of the 2017-2018 season.

The Y Academy is one-hour, twice-weekly program for young, inexperienced players. It runs for six weeks during the fall, and another six weeks during the spring. Scholarship players should contact Y Academy director Becky Freeman (bbarry@tucsonsocceracademy.com/520-631-5801) when they attend a Y Academy session so she can record their participation. *Note: Scholarship players who attend more than one Y Academy session each season are paid for each subsequent session they attend.*

RESPONSIBILITY OF TEAM TREASURER TO MONITOR PAYMENT OF COACHING FEES

It is the responsibility of team treasurers to closely monitor the payment of coaching fees by all players, including those on scholarship. Most scholarship players will still be required to pay some portion of their coaching fees each month. Any players who are more than 30 days behind in their coaching fees should be brought to the attention of the head coach of that team immediately. Team treasurers are strongly encouraged to establish regular communication with the scholarship families on their team. Special payment schedules are sometimes necessary for these families to meet their financial obligations to TSA. Any issues of this nature should be discussed with the team head coach as soon as they arise.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Completed forms should be mailed or emailed as a PDF file to the scholarship program coordinator:

Charlie MacCabe
7920 E. Birwood Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85750
Mobile: (520) 405-6535
Home: (520) 731-8115
Charliemacc2@msn.com



**TUCSON SOCCER ACADEMY
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FORM**

Please provide ALL the information requested below. Incomplete forms will not be processed. All information will remain confidential. Please note that there are two pages to this form. Your complete application must also include the (1) TSA Player Scholarship Application, (2) the PCJSL Financial Assistance Request Form, and (3) 2016 Federal Income Tax Return and all related schedules for all family members residing with the applicant and/or all guardians or family members providing financial support to the applicant.

Player's Full Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Team (e.g. 03 Boys Red): _____ Coach: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ Birth Date (m/d/y): _____

Mother/Guardian: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mother/Guardian Employer: _____ Phone: _____

Father/Guardian: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Father/Guardian Employer: _____ Phone: _____

Household Income (This includes all individuals who contribute financially to the applicant's household whether they reside with the applicant or not.)

What is the total **ANNUAL** income for **ALL** wage earners in your household? _____

What is your monthly mortgage or rent payment? _____

What are your monthly car payments? _____

What is the total of your other monthly expenses? _____

Is anyone in your household receiving public assistance such as social security, unemployment, AHCCCS, food stamps or the school lunch program? *Yes No* (If yes, please explain)

(If you have special circumstances such as a health emergency or recent job loss that we should know about, please attach a description of your situation to this form.)

Single-Parent family? *Yes* *No* Number of children playing competitive club soccer? _____

Number of children under 18 living at home? _____ Number of children in college? _____

How much of the monthly coaching fee can you afford to pay for your child's coaching at TSA? _____
(Note: Red/Blue = \$120/month; White = \$80/month; U-6 to U-10 Developmental = \$80/month)

List any parental support positions you will hold this year (e.g., team manager, treasurer, Breakfast coordinator, fundraising coordinator, etc.) _____

List the team fundraising/volunteer activities you participated in last year? _____

Scholarship Compliance Obligations: All scholarship players/families must assist with the TSA Kick-off Breakfast or the TSA Tournament, and the Youth Academy. Scholarship players are also required to participate in all team fundraisers. Failure to meet these obligations may result in the suspension or termination of all TSA scholarship assistance. (For more detailed information on all aspects of the TSA Scholarship Program go to TucsonSoccerAcademy.com.)

By signing below, you confirm that the information above is accurate and that you understand the scholarship compliance obligations. Furthermore, you agree to contact the TSA Scholarship Program Coordinator in a timely fashion if your financial situation changes during the season.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Official Use Only

Date Received: _____ Amount/Month: _____



TSA PLAYER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(To be filled out by player.)

Full Name _____ Date: _____

Team (e.g., '04GR): _____ Coach: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Birthdate (m/d/yr) _____

Cell #: _____ Home #: _____

Email Address: _____

School: _____ Current GPA: _____

I am currently involved in the following community service activities: _____

Tell us in your own words why should be awarded this scholarship and what your future goals are.

Players Signature: _____



Pima County Junior Soccer League
Financial Assistance Request Form

Club _____

Player ID# _____

Player name _____

Date of Birth _____ Male ____ Female ____

Mailing Address _____

Parent Name _____ Parent Name _____

Full Registration Fee Scholarship__

Partial Scholarship (1/2 registration fees or more)____

Scholarship for less than 1/2 registration fees_____

(Do not include training/coaching fees. Scholarship consideration is given for registration fees only)

Please comment as to the need for assistance:

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Club Registrar Signature _____ Date _____

League Registrar Signature _____ Date _____