

Rio Rapids Scholarships

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ADMINISTRATION

This scholarship program will be under the direct supervision of the Rio Rapids SC Club President. An appointed chairman will be directly responsible for administration of this program.

SCHOLARSHIP

- Scholarships only cover the Rio Club fees. It does not cover team fees, uniform costs or travel costs.
- Balance will be due once final scholarship is awarded which will include DCSL fee. There are no full scholarships and the Min. amount due to Rio will be \$110 + League fees.
- New applicants will be considered past the deadline if they are added to the team during the year if funding exists. **Deadline for Scholarships is August 15.**
- All Fees not covered by the scholarship are the responsibility of the applicant.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

- Applicant must complete the required Rio Rapids SC Scholarship On Line Application and return the required proof of income by the application deadline. The application can be found on our web site at www.RioRapidssoccerclub.org. **DO NOT MAIL IN ANY APPLICATIONS, ONLY ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you do not desire to submit an online application or need help, we will have Scholarship nights at the Rio Rapids office from 6pm-8pm on June 11, June 25, July 16, July 30 and August 20.
- Proof of income can be copies of W2's from the previous year, copies of federal tax returns or 2 consecutive pay stubs for each parent.
- The application process will be delayed if any lines are left blank or required information is missing. Ensure you get all the information for your team, the team name, coach and the amount of fees are key fields in the application.
- All awards will be sent out via email, make sure you provide an email that you check, this makes the process faster. If you do not have an email, we recommend having the team manager provide their email as a contact.
- Scholarship applications are accepted throughout the year. Priority is given to those applications that are received by August 15th. Applications that are received after this deadline will be considered based on availability.
- Applicants should let the Team Manager know they are applying for a scholarship.

CRITERIA USED FOR SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- No one will be disqualified because of sex, race, color, creed or religious beliefs
- Scholarships are based on income, those making \$65,000 a year will receive less than those making \$20,000 per year.
- All Families receiving Scholarships must volunteer one full day at the Rio Rapids Open or other Rio Rapids run tournaments. This process will be tracked through the club registration process.
- Families with an income of \$65,000 and above will not be considered for scholarships unless there are extenuating circumstances.

RELEASE FROM A TEAM

Any player receiving a scholarship for the seasonal year will not be released from that team to play on another team unless transferring to another Rio Rapids team or the full scholarship is repaid.

Rio Rapids Scholarships Summary

It is that time of year again as players start to register for their teams next year. Some of you may be applying for scholarships and we wanted to point out some of the key items when it comes to applying for the scholarships.

- We will no longer accept any mailed in forms. The application should be filled out online and proof of income submitted to the scholarships@riorapids.org email address. If you are unable to complete a form online we will have Scholarship nights at the Rio Rapids office from 6pm-8pm on June 11, June 25, July 16, July 30 and August 20.
- Scholarships are based solely on income, any family with a gross income of \$65,000 or less can apply for a scholarship. The award is also based on income those making \$65,000 will receive less than those making \$20,000.
- Scholarships only cover the Rio Rapids Fee and will not cover: uniforms, travel costs or team fees.
- The minimum amount a player will pay is \$210, that covers the DCSL fee and the Rio Rapids Scholarship fee.

If you have any questions please email scholarships@riorapids.org or attend one of the scholarship nights listed above.