

## Financial Assistance Program

The Mercer Island Boys Basketball Booster Club (MIBBBC) strives to promote basketball among the youth of Mercer Island and facilitate their active participation in the sport. We provide a limited amount of financial assistance for programs, camps, and costs of team travel strictly based on demonstrated financial need and availability of the scholarship funds. The amount provided may not be sufficient to cover all the costs.

Below is a summary of guidelines for scholarships:

1. To qualify the player must be a full-time student of Mercer Island Student District.
2. Scholarships are for specific events and activities e.g. Varsity Holiday Trip, tournament registration fee etc. Requests for assistance are considered for each event separately.
3. Scholarships are awarded strictly based on demonstrated financial need and awards are based on availability of funds. These are not guaranteed.
4. We offer 50% of total and expect parents to provide the rest directly or through another source e.g. Youth Services etc.
5. Scholarships typically only cover fees, travel, and lodgings, not discretionary expenses like entertainment, dinners etc.
6. MIBBBC does not pay for private training unless required of players by head coach.
7. No payments are made to players or parents/guardians. MIBBBC directly pays the providers the expenses for which assistance is granted.
8. Generally, MIBBBC does not pay for Athletic Fee owed to school (ASB) to participate in school programs. Contact the school to waive fees if your circumstances require.
9. Any violation of team rules or code of conduct during participation in activities organized or sponsored by MIBBBC may result in termination of financial assistance.
10. Parents of scholarship recipients are **required to volunteer** for one or more activities.

Exceptions may be made on case-by-case basis if there are extenuating circumstances. For questions and clarifications please contact [mercerislandbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:mercerislandbasketball@gmail.com) by email.

Parents/guardians of the player seeking financial assistance must request before registering for a specific event and must have **Financial Assistance Documentation** on file. All information disclosed in application will be held in the strictest confidence.

1. Families requesting scholarships must complete form online for each player at [mercerislandbasketball.org](http://mercerislandbasketball.org) at beginning of school year (Aug/Sept) or when applying for assistance for first time. The form is kept on file through start of following school year.
2. For each event player needs a scholarship the parent sends an email before registration to [mercerislandbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:mercerislandbasketball@gmail.com) requesting financial assistance. For players in high school, team coach Gavin Cree needs to be copied on email. If approved, email will be received from scholarship committee. The approval comes as a code and dollar amount.
3. Once received, continue with sign up for event on website and enter code when asked. Code will adjust amount owed (i.e. reduced by 50% in most cases and more in some other rare cases). Codes are specific to events and recipients and can't be reused.

**Recipients and award amount shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Subcommittee of the board. All decisions are final.**