



MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders Program

Celebrate. Recognize. Develop.

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Abstract

Created to support the education and development of youth leaders within Ontario Soccer, the **MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders Program** takes a holistic approach to leadership recognition and development, with an emphasis on growth. The Program will celebrate, recognize, and develop Ontario Soccer youth leaders.

CELEBRATE

MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders Award and Education Grant - Five Youth Leaders will be recognized annually at the Centre Circle Awards, honourees each receiving a financial grant towards their post-secondary education endeavours.

RECOGNIZE

MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders "Class of '21" - Youth Leaders from across the province will be nominated and selected as part of a 25-person award class. These winners will each receive a financial grant to use towards their soccer leadership education (coaching, match officiating, etc.).

DEVELOP

MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders Day @ the Summit - Youth from across the province will participate in a one-day series of seminars and workshops focused on the development of leadership skills, interpersonal relationships, effective communication, and more.



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CELEBRATE:

MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders Award and Education Grant

The **MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders Award and Education Grant** celebrates the outstanding achievements of youth in the soccer community. The award strives to actively acknowledge the selfless display of civic care, pride in one's sport and leadership, an attitude of resilience and strong work ethic, and constant desire for impact and improvement.

This category recognizes youth in their graduating year of high school who have made an outstanding impact on the local soccer community as a leader, player, coach, match official, or administrator.

An Education Grant of \$2500 is included with this award.

Selection Criteria

Eligibility:

- Must be a registered member of Ontario Soccer
- Started in Club/Academy as Player, Coach, Match Official, Volunteer
- Must be graduating high school in spring or fall of the award year
- Must plan to attend (or be enrolled in) a University, College, Technical school or recognized post-secondary institution/trades school/certificate program after graduating from High School

Ontario Soccer is committed to fostering an inclusive and accessible environment; as such, Ontario Soccer will strive to select award recipients that reflect and support the diversity of the soccer community.

One recipient will be selected in each of 5 regions (more than one winner per region may be awarded as determined on a case by case basis).

REGIONS:

- North
- South
- East
- West
- Central

Considerations and Contributions:

Nominees will exemplify the Ontario Soccer organizational values of inclusive, respectful, ethical, integrity, and community builder.

- **Inclusive** - Demonstrated commitment to cross-cultural relationship building within the broader community, on his/her team, or within the soccer community
- **Respectful** - Provided ongoing leadership, direction, encouragement and support of soccer for all abilities and backgrounds, within the soccer community



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- **Ethical** - Made a positive, valuable and considerable impact on the skill development, ability and attitude of others in soccer
- **Integrity** - Acted as a role model and mentor (on or off the playing field), embodying “*Play. Inspire. Unite.*” to motivate or inspire participation in soccer.
- **Community Builder** - Must excel in a leadership role on a team, in a Club or Academy, as well as in school or in their community

Nominations can be received from the following:

- A member organization or Club/Academy of Ontario Soccer, or
- A peer (age 15-18) who is not a relative of the nominee

Selection

Award winners will be chosen by a selection panel from the Ontario Soccer Board of Directors in consultation with select youth members of the Ontario Soccer community, and the MilkUP partners. (Note: At the discretion of this Board, more than one winner may be awarded per region).

Recognition

As one of the Centre Circle Awards, the **MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders Award and Education Grant** will be presented to the five winners at the Annual Ontario Soccer Centre Circle Awards.

Key Dates

Applications for nominations will be open mid June.

The deadline for submitting an application is **July 15, 2021**.

The Award Winners will be recognized at the 2021 **Centre Circle Awards on September 11, 2021**



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RECOGNIZE:

MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders “Class of ‘21”

The **MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders “Class of ‘21”** recognizes the achievements and impact of youth in the soccer community. Award winners will embody the Ontario Soccer tagline of “Play. Inspire. Unite.” in both their soccer community and their home community. The “**Class of 21**” awardees will have an attitude of resilience, and a strong work ethic. They will have future aspirations of leadership within the ‘beautiful game’, continuing their journey of soccer involvement and contribution.

This category recognizes **youth** who will continue to contribute to the local soccer community as a leader, player, coach, match official, or administrator.

This award includes a \$500 grant to be used for soccer leadership education (coach, match official, etc.)

Selection Criteria

Eligibility:

- Must be a registered member of Ontario Soccer
- Started in Club/Academy as Player, Coach, Match Official, Volunteer
- Must be **15 – 18** years old by December of the award year

Ontario Soccer is committed to fostering an inclusive and accessible environment; as such, Ontario Soccer will strive to select award recipients that reflect and support the diversity of the soccer community.

Where possible, at least one male and one female recipient will be selected in each of the five regions. Remaining recipients will represent all regions where possible.

REGIONS:

- Eastern Ontario
- Central West Ontario
- Central East Ontario
- Western Ontario
- Northern Ontario

Considerations and Contributions:

Nominees will exemplify the Ontario Soccer organizational values of inclusive, respectful, ethical, integrity, and community builder. They will be active community members, with a desire for impact, and a positive attitude for growth.

An application form will be made available and will require an outline of the nominee’s achievements, as well as leadership aspirations in the specific area of interest to them. Applications may be submitted in writing, video, or both.



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Nominations can be received from the following:

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- A peer (age 15-18) who is not a relative of the nominee

Selection

Award winners (25 in total) will be selected by Ontario Soccer Staff in consultation with select youth members of the Ontario Soccer community, and MilkUP partners.

Recognition

Award winners will be recognized on OntarioSoccer.Net and Ontario Soccer's Newsletter "Inside the 18" via feature story. They will also be recognized at the Ontario Soccer Summit.

Key Dates

Applications for nominations will be open November 1.

The deadline for submitting an application is **December 1, 2021**.

Award Winners will be announced in late January 2022.

The Award Winners will be recognized at the 2022 **MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders Day @ the Summit**



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DEVELOP:

MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders Day @ the Summit

MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders Day @ the Summit will run in conjunction with the Ontario Soccer Summit. The Future Leaders Day will bring together youth from across the province to develop in areas of leadership, interpersonal communication, relationship management, and more.

This one-day event will coincide with the annual Ontario Soccer Summit weekend, running on the Saturday only.

The 25 youth recipients of the “Class of ‘21” will attend the Youth Development Day free of charge.


A special Youth Rate will be available to all other Youth registrants that register for the event.



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