



Policy Title:	College Scholarship Policy
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1. Purpose

SnVYSA is proud to offer three (3) college scholarships each year as a way of giving back to the community and the youth that have participated in SnVYSA programs over the years.

2. Scope

SnVYSA offers high school seniors that reside in the SnVYSA boundaries an opportunity to apply for a college scholarship each calendar year.

3. Procedures

3.1 Scholarship Enrollment Period

SnVYSA will begin accepting applications in February of each calendar year. The specific date and time the scholarship enrollment will open will be posted on the SnVYSA Scholarship webpage.

- a. Mount Si High School Seniors. Students that attend Mount Si High School will apply for the SnVYSA scholarships in the "[Going Merry](#)" Scholarship application system.
- b. Other Schools. Students that attend a high school other than Mount Si High School or that are home schooled will fill out the SnVYSA College Scholarship Application online. The link will be posted to the SnVYSA Scholarship webpage.

3.2 Scholarship Requirements

- a. Eligibility. Applicants must be high school seniors and reside in the Snoqualmie Valley Youth Soccer Association boundaries.
- b. Player Scholarship Eligibility: Must have a minimum of three (3) years' experience playing soccer with SnVYSA.
- c. Referee Scholarship Eligibility: Must have been a Grassroots certified referee with at least 1 year experience officiating matches for SnVYSA (which includes matches for Cascade FC).
- d. Essay. Applicants must submit an essay to include a minimum of two-hundred fifty (250) words answering the following prompt:
 - i. "How has "playing" and/or "refereeing" soccer with SnVYSA impacted me and the person I am today?"
 - ii. The essay must include playing and/or refereeing experiences as well as any other involvement applicant has had with SnVYSA that was impactful to them. Other involvement could include coaching, volunteering, or refereeing.
- e. Deadline. The scholarship application must be submitted to the appropriate system indicated in 3.1 above by the deadline which will be published on the SnVYSA Scholarship webpage each calendar year no later than mid-February.

3.3 Selection Process and Awards

The selection of the scholarship award winners will be made each calendar year after review of the scholarship applications and required essays by the SnVYSA Board of Directors. The Board will select two (2) player scholarship award winners and one (1) referee scholarship award winner, if applicable.



- a. Scholarship Type and Amount:
 - i. Player: SnVYSA has established the Player Scholarship Fund to award two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 each to players who have demonstrated a significant history playing soccer with SnVYSA.
 - ii. Referee: SnVYSA has established the Ed Eldredge Memorial Scholarship Fund for referees. The Ed Eldredge Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to honor the life and accomplishments of community member Ed Eldredge. Ed was a SnVYSA Board member and actively involved and supportive of youth soccer in the valley. He was also a licensed USSF referee, assignor, assessor, and administrator for East King County Soccer Referee's Association. To honor and recognize Ed's commitment to Snoqualmie Valley Youth Soccer and Ed's love of the game, SnVYSA will be awarding one (1) referee scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 to a referee who has demonstrated this same commitment and involvement with SnVYSA.
- b. Notification. Award winners will be notified in May of each calendar year.

3.4 Academic Enrollment for Trade School or Undergraduate Study

Each scholarship will be awarded for vocational/technical or undergraduate study for the upcoming academic year.

- a. Recipients must plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical/trade school for the entire upcoming academic year.
- b. Applicants must be enrolled at the time the awards are disbursed.
- c. In special circumstances, by SnVYSA Board vote approval, the award can be deferred to the following or subsequent year.

4. Forms/Templates

Please follow the procedures outlined in section 3.1 above for application submission.