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ACTION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: A2023-12
Date: November 20, 2023
To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer; Board of Directors, Staff
From: Bjorn Osieck, Senior Director, Business
Subject: MilkUP Future Leaders - 'Class of '23' Bursary applications now open

The **MilkUP Ontario Soccer Future Leaders “Class of ‘23”** 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 ‘23”** 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 education credit** per recipient to be used for soccer leadership education (any eligible Ontario Soccer Coach Education, Match Official Development courses, etc.)

Participants must use the \$500 credit within three years of December 31 of the award year (e.g. December 31st, 2026 for 2023 winners).


Selection Criteria

Eligibility:

- Must be a registered member of Ontario Soccer



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- 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

- East
- Central
- South
- West
- North

Considerations and Contributions:

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

Nominations can be received from the following:

- Self-nominated;
- A member organization of Ontario Soccer; or
- A peer (age 15-18), who is not a relative of the nominee.

Selection Process:

Award winners (up to a maximum of 25 in total) will be selected by Ontario Soccer Staff in consultation with MilkUP partners.

Recognition:

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



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Key Dates

- Applications for nominations are now open
- The deadline for submitting an application is **January 7, 2024**
- Award Winners will be announced in late **January 2024**

If you are an eligible nominator and would like to nominate a deserving candidate, please click [here](#) to submit a nomination for the “**MilkUP Future Leaders – Class of ‘23**” program.

Applications will require a photo of the nominee, 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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For more details regarding this program, please contact [Chiara Aparicio, Coordinator, Marketing, Partnerships & Events](#).

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