



## **“EVERY CHILD PLAYS” YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The City of Paramount is committed to providing recreation opportunities to all residents interested to have their child/children participate in youth sports.

The “Every Child Plays” Youth Sports League Scholarship Program is designed to provide supplemental financial assistance to families that may not otherwise be able to participate in recreational youth sports because of a financial hardship. Eligible residents will be able to apply for a scholarship for each of their children under the age of 18 years old interested in participating in the recreation season with one of the independent youth sports leagues authorized to operate in the City of Paramount: Paramount Youth Soccer Organization (PYSO), Paramount Junior Athletic Association (PJAA), Paramount Girls Softball (PGS), Friday Night Lights (FNL), and West Coast Rebels (WCR).

Scholarships will be awarded based on a sliding scale. All information submitted as part of the application will be confidential and will be used only to determine the level of scholarship awarded. Qualifying low-income families can receive 30-50 percent off of the total cost to participate in a youth sport during the league’s primary recreation season ONLY (spring/ fall depending on the sport).

### **PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

To qualify for this program you must provide the proof that you are a City of Paramount Resident or that your child/children attend a Paramount Unified School District School.

- The following are acceptable documents (i.e. utility bill, tenant agreement, California Driver’s License, California Identification Card, child’s school transcript)
- You will also be asked to submit a copy of the child/children’s birth certificate and/or Legal Guardianship Verification/ Foster Care Verification.
- Your child/children must be 17 years old or younger.
- Provide proof of income and/or additional assistance.
  - Last year’s tax return and/or W-2
  - Most recent months’ pay stubs
  - Social security/disability, unemployment checks
  - Documentation on any additional income, federal assistance, recent subsidy, or aid to dependent children.

### **PROGRAM/ APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

- Complete a scholarship application. First-come first-served basis until annual funds are fully expended.
- Submit a copy of the Youth League’s Application and Fees
- Submit all required forms under Eligibility Requirements
- Information will be kept on file at the Community Services & Recreation Office
- Once approved, you can register for the desired recreation season youth league sport
- Applicants will receive notification of approval by phone within 1-2 weeks. Approval letters/checks must be picked up in person by the applicant/parents at the Community Services & Recreation Department. Photo ID will be required at this time.