

BETHEL YOUTH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Bethel Youth Lacrosse Association (“Bethel”) may grant registration fee scholarships to children who without this financial assistance would not be able to participate in our program. Bethel Youth Lacrosse Association scholarship program focuses on providing opportunities for area youth to participate because of the physical, mental, and character-training benefits this program can provide. Scholarships are only available to cover the cost of registration and are not available to cover any additional costs (uniforms, equipment, tournaments, etc.), unless registration fee includes uniforms and/or equipment.

The scholarship committee, which includes the Bethel Board, will consider all complete applications received by the application deadline. The amount of the scholarship awarded (if any) may be a partial or full scholarship depending on the number of applicants, and amount of scholarship funds available. Scholarships are awarded for one per registrant and are only valued for one sport at a time, therefore, individuals must reapply for each year they are requesting assistance.

Bethel has a very limited amount of funding available for scholarship athletes. No guarantee of assistance is implied in this application.

Requirements for eligibility:

- Commitment to attend a minimum of 80% of scheduled practices and games.
- Participation by an adult family member in at least 10 hours of voluntary service to Bethel during the sport season. Volunteer work will be under the direction of the Bethel volunteer coordinator or above.
- Application must be completed by a parent, guardian, or head of household, with all requested information provided. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The application is on the following page.
- Families are required to participate in any fundraisers offered by the program.
- Scholarship requests must be submitted to Bethel no later than two (2) weeks prior to the regular registration deadline.

Application Process:

- Complete the Youth Athletic Scholarship Application Form, which must be signed by a parent/guardian.
- Scholarship application approval will be based on verification of financial need and availability of scholarship funds.

Other Important Information:

- Scholarships will be provided on a first-come, funding and space available basis.
- Transportation to programs is not provided.
- Scholarships are limited to the current cost of registration per year per child.
- The Bethel program is able to provide a maximum of **five (5)** scholarships per season.

- If more than **five (5)** waiver requests are submitted, the Bethel Board will select the scholarships recipients. The Board's decision should be considered final.

Consideration will be given to eligible youth meeting one or more of the criteria below. The more information you can provide us the better able we will be to determine hardship. A written request is required.

- Receiving assistance from programs such as: Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Foster Care, WIC, etc. (Must provide written documentation of participation in these programs.)
- Written recommendation by school representatives, social workers, family, or friend of the family.
- Documentation demonstrating an immediate financial hardship.

Bethel Youth Lacrosse Association does not discriminate based on gender, race, class, economic status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, physical ability, or cultural and religious backgrounds.

Bethel Youth Lacrosse Association
(address)
(email)

Confidentiality: Bethel Youth Lacrosse Association will use the information on the application only to decide if your child qualifies to receive a partial or full scholarship or eligible athletic activities. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Applicants are guaranteed that personal finances will not be discussed outside of the Bethel Board. Coaches, instructors or program leaders will not be informed of a participant's financial or scholarship status.

*****Please Note:** Approval of a scholarship does not register the participant in the activity. You must still register the athlete in the sport desired.

Bethel Youth Lacrosse Association Scholarship Application

Sport Requested: _____ Amount of Scholarship Requested: _____

Athlete Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____ Code: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ Cell: _____

Email _____ Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Fill out this form and mail to Behtel Youth Lacrosse Association at the mailing address below or email to: _____, with one or more (not including required) of the following attachments:

- Written Request from Parent/Guardian (*Required)
- Documentation showing receipt of assistance such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Foster Care, WIC, etc.
- Written recommendation by school representatives, social workers, family, or friend of the family
- Documentation demonstrating an immediate financial hardship

For Bethel Lacrosse Association Use Only

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Amount, if any, Awarded \$ _____

Volunteer Hours Served _____

Bethel Secretary

Bethel President