



To: Youth Sports Alliance Program Directors and Coaches
From: Richard Sheinberg – YSA Scholarship Committee Chair
Date: January 30, 2018
Re: Dare to Dream Scholarship Criteria

Message:

The Youth Sports Alliance offers Athlete Scholarships. The Applications are due September 1 and March 1 each year. **The purpose of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to deserving athletes, who are enrolled in Youth Sports Alliance member programs, who are faced with the inability to participate or compete without the help of outside funding. Funds for the Dare to Dream Scholarship is provided by the Stein Eriksen YSA Opportunity Endowment and funds raised at the annual JANS Winter Welcome.**

Qualification Criteria - In order to qualify for the YSA Dare to Dream Scholarship, the athlete must:

- a) Be a participating athlete of a Youth Sports Alliance member program, and of an age that is considered a Junior athlete in their particular sport (as indicated by your sport governing body)
- b) Have demonstrated a commitment to competing and a desire to continue in the sport
- c) Demonstrate financial need evaluated on tax returns from the past two years*
- d) Be nominated by their Program Director or Coach
- e) Be a member in good standing with their respective club, demonstrating positive characteristics, behaviors and values
- f) First year member of a national team who has formerly been a member of a YSA supported team or club and has not by been awarded adequate funding for team participation

Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the Recipient's program, which will be responsible for managing and keeping track of scholarship funds awarded to the athlete. The Program

will be expected to provide a brief written report of disbursements at the conclusion of the competitive year.

Approved Expenses – Scholarship awards may be used to cover or partially cover any of the following:

- a) Program fees, coaching, clinics, or camps
- b) Entry fees for competition
- c) Travel expenses for competition and camps
- d) Equipment (if not available through other channels)

Application Process - To receive a Dare to Dream Post Season Scholarship, one must complete these steps:

- a) Program identifies and nominates individuals who meet the Scholarship Qualification Criteria
- b) Program invites athletes to apply by providing them with the application packet; this cover memo may be included with the application packet if desired
- c) The Scholarship Application is filled out and returned to the Youth Sports Alliance
- d) A written recommendation by the Program Director or Coach is submitted with the application or directly to the Youth Sports Alliance
- e) Tax returns from the past two years from the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) are to be included in the application. If applicant is part of a two household family, tax returns must be provided for both households. A letter explaining any additional information that will help our Scholarship Committee evaluate your application for financial need may be included. *

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- f) The Scholarship Committee assesses the applications and determines the number of scholarships and awards to be offered
- g) When a scholarship is offered, YSA will notify both applicant and Team Manager
- h) Checks are disbursed to the Program
- i) Program provides a report at the end of the season as to where the monies were spent**

If you have any questions about nominating athletes, the application process, or anything else pertaining to the Dare to Dream Scholarships, please feel free to call or email YSA at 435.214.0792 or admin@ysaparkcity.org. Thank You!

** A qualified individual will review these financial statements and they will remain confidential. They will not be evaluated by any YSA staff member or member of the Scholarship Committee. If applicant is part of a two household family, tax returns must be provided for both households.*

***Unspent funds may be applied towards expenses for the following year provided the athlete continues in the program.*