

Scholarship Procedures

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Introduction

BC Soccer Scholarships are awarded to successful applicant who, for three or more years, have played with a team affiliated with BC Soccer and/or someone who is currently participating in some capacity in soccer (player, referee, coach, or administrator). In order to be considered for a BC Soccer Scholarship, All applicants must follow the application process outlined in this document. BC Soccer reserves the right to forgo processing any applications from applicants who do not follow the procedure outlined below.

Application Process

Applicants are required to complete the following:

- 1. Review the BC Soccer's Scholarship Policy
- 2. Request Official transcripts of marks showing all the student's Full Grade 11 Report Card and Grade 12 interim report card this transcript must be SIGNED and STAMPED by the school Please merge into one (1) PDF file.
- **3.** Review the Application Criteria and Evaluation Key
- 4. Complete the BC Soccer Scholarship Application Form and submit their complete 2023 Scholarship Application <u>Click here.</u>
 (Partially completed applications will not be accepted, email submissions will not be accepted, one application per student)

The 2023 BC Soccer Application Form asks application to provide the following:

Section One:

- Name (first and last)
- Grade
- Self-Identification
 - o Para-Athlete
 - Learning Differences
 - Aboriginal
 - o LGBTQI2S+
 - New to Canada (immigrant, refugee, permanent resident in last 3 years)
 - None of the Above
 - Other:
- Date of Birth
- Email
- Phone Number
- Address
- Personal Reference Letter

Section Two:

- Highschool Name
- Highschool Address
- Highschool Phone Number
- Reference letter from the schools Principal, Vice Principal or Counsellor
- List of Honours and awards
- List all courses taken throughout the 2022/2023 school year
- Current list of extra curriculars you partake in at your current school
- Upload Grade 11 Full Report Card + Grade 12 Interim Report Card in One (1) PDF File

Section Three:

- Current Club Information
- Reference letter from youth district or adult league
- List of organizations/clubs/social activities participated within the community in the last three years.
- Favourite Soccer memory

Section Four:

- Academic Goals
- Name of Post-Secondary they plan to attend next year.
- Describe their post-secondary and/or career aspirations and the role soccer may play in that!

Selection Process

- BC Soccer's Executive Director will appoint a Scholarship Selection Panel to review short listed candidates
- **2.** BC Soccer staff will support the BC Soccer Scholarship Selection Panel in executing the selection process.
- **3.** Once application deadline is closed, BC Soccer Staff will compile the applicants' information and review applications based on the evaluation key.
- **4.** The top 20 applicants based on the total number of points received will be shortlisted for selection by the Scholarship Selection Panel.

Criteria & Evaluation Key



Scholarship Point System

Criteria	Scoring Range	Max Score
Upload Grade 11 Full Report	A = 2 points	20 Points
Card + Grade 12 Interim Report	B = 1.5 points	
Card in One (1) PDF File	C = 1 points	
	D = 0.5 points	
How many years total have they	1 point per year	10 Points
been a soccer PLAYER?		105
How many years total have they	2 points per year	10 Points
been a soccer REFEREE?		
How many years total have they	2 points per year	10 Points
been a soccer COACH?		
How many years total have they	3 points per year	21 Points
been involved in their		
community outside of soccer?		
(Community involvement,		
volunteerism, leadership		
Describe their favorite soccer	NA	15 Points (Max combined with
experience and the impact		below, 29 points)
soccer has had in your life		
Describe their post-secondary	NA	15 Points (Max combined with
and/or career aspirations and		above, 29 points)
the role soccer may play in that		

Communication with Applicants

- Unsuccessful applicants will be acknowledged via email and sent a Thank you Letter in accordance with the timelines within this document.
- Selected Applicants will be contacted to inform them of the opportunity and to collect further details in accordance with the timelines within this document.

Scholarship Payments

To claim scholarship funds, recipients must provide the following information to BC Soccer:

- Proof of enrollment (i.e., letter of acceptance, letter from the registrar)
- Proof of payment (i.e., letter of acceptance, letter from the registrar, payment for tuition, books, housing etc.) Proof of payment should be equal to or greater than the scholarship amount to receive the total scholarship dollars.
- Social Insurance Number for income tax purposes
- Include either a voided cheque or a form/printout from your bank with your banking information. All payments will be sent directly via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

A scholarship that is awarded, but not availed of within 3 years of the award winner's high school graduation year will be deemed to be null and void. The scholarship award will be then awarded to a new candidate the following year.

Timelines

- Scholarships Communication via BC Soccer's website, bulletin and social: March 1st, 2023.
- Application posted: March 1st, 2023.
- Submission deadline: April 29th, 2023.
- Short List produced by BC Soccer Staff: May 15th, 2023.
- Scholarship Selection Panel Review Meeting: May 27th, 2023.
- Recipients and donors informed, and communication issued to applicants: June 13th, 2023.
- Recipients' announcement posted: July 1st, 2023.