



BC SOCCER

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. Become familiar with [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 it into one (1) PDF file.
3. Become familiar with the Application Criteria and Evaluation Key (see below).
4. Complete the BC Soccer Scholarship Application Form and submit their complete 2024 Scholarship Application – [click here](#).

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*
 - *Para-Athlete*
 - *Learning Differences*
 - *Aboriginal*

- *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

- *High School Name*
- *High School Address*
- *High School 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 Institution you plan to attend next year.*
- *Describe your post-secondary and career aspirations, and the role soccer may play in that!*

SELECTION PROCESS

1. 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



APPLICATION CRITERIA & EVALUATION KEY

Below is the evaluation key that details the application criteria and how it will be evaluated against. (For Reference Only)

EDUCATION (Grade 11 Full Report Card + Grade 12 Interim Report Card)	Total Points Available: 20	Considerations: Combination of Letter Grades
ROLES IN SOCCER (Player, coach, referee, etc.)	Total Points Available: 30	Considerations: Length of Involvement
ROLES OUTSIDE SOCCER (Community involvement, volunteerism, leadership)	Total Points Available: 21	Considerations: Length of involvement
PERSONALITY/CHARACTER	Total Points Available: 29	Considerations: Points based on the honesty and quality of answers.

Total Points Available: 100

Application Deadline: April 29th

INCLUSIVE – SAFE – EXCELLENCE – COLLABORATIVE

SCHOLARSHIP POINT SYSTEM

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

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:

1. Proof of enrollment (i.e., letter of acceptance, letter from the registrar)
2. Proof of payment (i.e., letter of acceptance, letter from the registrar, payment for tuition, books, housing etc.) – note that proof of payment should be equal to or greater than the scholarship amount to receive the total scholarship dollars.
3. Social Insurance Number for income tax purposes
4. 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 4, 2024.
- Application opens: March 5, 2024.
- Application deadline: April 29, 2024.
- Shortlist produced by BC Soccer Staff: May 10, 2024.
- Scholarship Selection Panel Review Meeting: May 27, 2024.
- Recipients and donors informed, and congratulatory messages received: June 17, 2024.
- Recipients' announcement posted: July 1, 2024.