

Park Sharon Athletic Association -- Scholarship Guidelines *(revised July 2008)*

Park Sharon Athletic Association is proud to serve the Charlotte community, offering youth athletic programs in baseball, basketball, cheerleading, softball, and soccer. Part of this service includes a scholarship program for deserving families in the community we serve, so that no child is unable to participate in youth sports because his or her family is experiencing financial difficulties. The number of scholarships we provide will be limited only by our financial ability to provide them – our goal is to help every deserving family that we can. *It is possible that we may get more applications than we can support, so they will be accepted and reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.*

Due to recent economic times, Park Sharon has found it necessary to modify our scholarship policies and application process slightly. Scholarships are based upon need and may be partial or full scholarships or a payment plan. Scholarships only cover sports registration fees. All families are responsible for paying the \$50 annual family membership fee upon registration. This fee is assessed every spring or in the first season the family registers during the calendar year.

The PSAA Scholarship Committee will review all scholarship applications and will determine Scholarship assistance based on the applicant's income and their demonstrated financial need. The Scholarship Committee will be comprised of at least three (3) Board members. The Scholarship Committee will review all applications received and will use consensus to determine the scholarship status.

The following guidelines apply to the scholarship application process:

- Scholarship applicants are required to pay the \$50 annual Park Sharon family membership fee. This fee is assessed every spring or in the first season the family registers for sports during the calendar year.
- If an applicant feels their financial situation will prevent them from paying the \$50 family membership fee, they should note this in the section explaining their circumstances on their Scholarship application. In these instances, the scholarship application will be accepted without the family membership fee. However, based on the scholarship application decision, the family may be asked to pay this fee prior to the start of the season.
- Scholarships cover only sports registration fees and may be offered in the form of full scholarship, partial scholarship, or payment plan. Scholarships will not be granted for fees already paid.
- Payment for any fees not covered by scholarship will be due prior to the start of the season unless a payment plan has been granted.
- You will be notified regarding the status of your application prior to the start of the season. Payment for any fees not covered by scholarship will be due prior to the start of the season unless a payment plan has been granted.
- Scholarship applications will be accepted only until sports registration for the season has been closed or until available scholarship funds have been allocated.
- Scholarship applications and supporting documentation should accompany registration forms and may be submitted at **walk-up registration** (see dates on website) or **via email or post mail**. Online registration does not support scholarship requests. *NOTE – The Scholarship Committee may request additional documentation to verify financial need.*
- If the application is to be emailed or post mailed, an “Offline Registration” form” is available for download under the “Files & Forms” section of the Park Sharon website.

Please email / mail all forms and documentation to:

PSAA Scholarship Committee
8508 Park Road, Box 166
Charlotte, NC 28210

All information submitted to the PSAA Scholarship Committee will be held in strict confidence. Questions may be addressed to the Scholarship Committee via email at scholarship@parksharonsports.com.

