



Arizona Soccer Club Thunder Scholarship Program

The Arizona Soccer Club United, Inc. (AZSC) is a not-for-profit that provides opportunities for youth to participate in various recreational and competitive level soccer programs. We at AZSC realize that some players may not have the financial means to participate in our soccer programs.

AZSC solicits contributions from individuals and organizations to assist in providing limited scholarship funds for families in need to reduce economic barriers to participation in our Thunder program.

Outlined below are general guidelines regarding our scholarship program.

- Financial need, using the current Federal Eligibility Income Chart for free or reduced school meals, is the primary criterion upon which scholarships are considered.
 - The maximum scholarship amount that can be awarded is 75% of the specific program registration cost, per child.
 - Based on available funding and volume of applicants, partial scholarships may be awarded under this program.
- Scholarships are not guaranteed and applications are evaluated on a case-by-case basis based on individual need.
- Scholarships may only be used to offset Thunder program registration fees.
 - Scholarship funds may not be used for costs associated with tournaments, team events, uniforms, travel related fees, camps, etc.
- Scholarship recipients (Families/Players) are required to participate in a minimum number of volunteer hours for the Club.
- Scholarship awards are granted on a per season basis. AZSC makes no guaranteed that scholarships will be awarded to a recipient for future seasons.
- The AZSC Scholarship Committee is responsible for reviewing and awarding scholarship based on available funding, demonstrated need, and player eligibility.

Eligibility:

- Only players in the AZSC Thunder Program who can demonstrate financial need are eligible for this scholarship program.
 - Based on available funding and volume of applicants, extenuating circumstances may be taken into consideration when evaluating scholarships for families that do not meet the financial need criteria.

Application Process:

To be considered for scholarship assistance, applicants must submit the following information to the AZSC Scholarship Committee for review:

- Completed AZSC Thunder Scholarship Application

- At least one (1) form of proof of income from the list below that demonstrates financial need:
 - Most recent income tax return or W-2
 - Most recent four (4) payroll stubs
 - Letter from federal or state social service agency such as (Welfare Department, Head Start, etc.)

All information requested must be accurate and complete at the time of submittal. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications and supporting documentation can be submitted electronically, in-person, or by mail:

Via Fax:
480-214-4789

In-person or via Mail:
Arizona Soccer Club
Attn: Scholarship Committee
1166 S Gilbert Rd.
Building 300, Suite 116
Gilbert, AZ 85296

Determination:

The AZSC Scholarship Committee will notify the applicant of its determination within 2-4 weeks of receiving the completed Thunder Scholarship Application and supporting documents.

If the applicant is awarded a scholarship, the player/family will be asked to sign and deliver to the club an AZSC Scholarship Agreement. In addition, they must complete the minimum number of volunteer hours prior to the end of the season for which the scholarship is awarded. Volunteer hours performed must be validated by the Scholarship Coordinator.

Scholarship %	Minimum Volunteer Hours
75%	40 hours
50%	20 hours
25%	10 hours

If, for any reason, the player leaves AZSC prior to the end of the season, the player will be expected to reimburse AZSC for their scholarship.

If a scholarship is not awarded, the registration fee must be received by AZSC prior to the player being added to a team roster. The player should contact the AZSC Registrar at 480-332-4716 to make payment arrangements.

AZSC reserves the right to amend or discontinue this program at any time at its discretion.