

**Northwest United FC**  
**Scholarship Program Policies**

Northwest United has established a program where parents/players may apply for scholarships for part of the fees necessary to play for Northwest United. Scholarships are awarded based upon the financial needs of the applicant, availability of funds in the scholarship program, and approval by the Scholarship Committee using established criteria. This year, we are implementing a contract which all players and parents will sign. Parents may select a payment option and if they are unable to fulfill their signed agreement, they will not be able to participate in team activities until the funds are paid. We will award scholarships in early September. We will look at fulfillment of commitments by applicants as well as meeting the financial requirements.

**Scholarship Application Review and Approval:**

1. Northwest United will make the Scholarship Application Forms available to the managers of each team at the start of each season. Applications are also available on the website, or can be obtained from a member of the Scholarship Committee.
2. The application form will be distributed to each player as part of the player registration packet.
3. All applicants must completely fill out the all information on the Form and provide all additional paperwork necessary for the application to be considered for a scholarship. **If a form is not filled out completely, we cannot consider the request. Also, we need to see a pay stub, previous tax statement, or other proof of income, these items are considered to be part of the application.**
4. Teams with players on scholarship will be required to raise funds to help support the team and reduce costs to players. Typically, a scholarship only covers the NWU portion of fees, and in some extreme cases it will cover more. Players who qualify will need help from their teams.
5. The first deadline for applications is September 1. Completed applications should be sent to:

Northwest United Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 577  
Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

6. Completed applications received by the deadline will be processed and reviewed by the Scholarship Committee within two weeks of the application deadline. All applications and required information will be reviewed solely by the committee to maintain confidentiality. Any applications received after the deadline will be considered in the order they are received, and only if scholarship funds are still available.
7. The review policy for the Scholarship Committee is as follows:
  - a) The committee consists of at least one Executive Committee board member, and volunteers from the General Board up to 5 people. Parents with a player on scholarship will not be allowed to serve due to conflict of interest.
  - b) The committee will follow the guidelines outlined for the scholarship program.
  - c) The committee members will inform players and teams of awards in a timely manner.
  - d) The committee members will assist teams and players in financial questions with the aid of the Executive Committee as they occur.

8. Applicants will receive acceptance or denial by written notification by Northwest United usually within 3 weeks of the application deadline.
9. Scholarship requests may be processed during any month in which they are received provided scholarship funds are available.
10. If there is player movement on teams, or if players leave the club entirely, the scholarship committee should be notified if they are scholarship recipients.

**Scholarship Criteria:**

Applicants may be awarded a scholarship for part of the fees for Northwest United, based upon availability of funds. These applicants must meet the low-income financial criteria established by Northwest United, complete and provide all necessary documentation to the Club, and have paid all past amounts due to Northwest United. The determination of eligibility and/or the amount of any scholarship is within the sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Applicants not meeting the low-income financial criteria may still be awarded a waiver of a portion of the Club Fee, based upon availability of scholarship funds. The Scholarship Committee will review the financial needs of the applicant from the information submitted by the applicant. Again, eligibility and the amount of the scholarship is within the exclusive discretion of the Scholarship Committee.