GRANITE STATE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS

The mission of the **Granite State Youth Soccer League** is the promotion of player development and education in the State of New Hampshire through the establishment of competitive team play. Affiliated with the New Hampshire Soccer Association, and incorporated as a non-profit organization in accordance with State of New Hampshire guidelines, **GSYSL** seeks to advocate for excellence in the game of soccer by affiliated players, coaches, clubs, officials and administrators. **GSYSL** celebrates the determination, desire, and dedication that are required of all athletes at the competitive level.

In keeping with this advocacy, **Granite State Youth Soccer League** seeks to award a minimum of **six (3 female, 3 male) $1,000 scholarships** to graduating high school seniors who have participated in the game of soccer on competitive teams affiliated with **GSYSL**, or its previous counterparts GSGSL and SNHYSL, and who intend to continue their education at an institution of higher education. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of documented participation in GSGSL, SNHYSL or GSYSL, need, human and athletic potential.

Individuals selected by the GSYSL Executive Board and who are not affiliated with GSYSL clubs or teams will judge applications. Only the recipients of each scholarship will be notified. (GSYSL reserves the right to announce the names of scholarship recipients in related publications after such notification.)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must be a United States citizen and a resident of the State of New Hampshire.

2. Applicant must be currently enrolled in the senior class of an accredited NH high school.

3. Applicant must have participated in a minimum of **three (3) seasonal years** of competitive soccer on a team or teams affiliated with GSGSL, SNHYSL or GSYSL. Applicant may substitute referee seasonal years in place of team participation. A seasonal year is defined as August 1 – July 30th. Seasonal years need not be consecutive.

4. Competitive age groups eligible are **U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17, U-18, U-19** at any divisional level (i.e. Division 1, Division 2, etc).

5. A coach's form(s) must be submitted to document a minimum of **three (3) seasonal years** of competitive play on an affiliated team or as a GSYSL referee. If the coach is not available, the president of the affiliated club may complete the form. Form must be signed by GSYSL referee assignor if submitting as a referee.

6. Applicant must intend to continue their education at a 2-year or 4-year public or private institute of higher education. Award recipients must forward a copy of an acceptance letter from an eligible institution of higher education before an award check will be issued.

APPLICATION PACKAGE PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

Each application must be complete and sent in one package. This package must be arranged in the order described below. Information sent separately will be discarded. Typewritten/computer generated applications and statements are preferred, or print clearly in black ink. Attach additional sheets of 8-½ X 11-inch paper if necessary. Applicant **must** sign the application form.

1. Scholarship Application with 500-word essay attached.

2. List of significant extra-curricular activities including jobs, membership in organizations as well as offices held, community service, etc.

3. One dated, signed letter of recommendation (not a relative).

4. Coach's Form(s) completed, dated and signed.

5. Application must be postmarked **no later than April 19,** Current Year and sent to:

   Byron Phinney, GSYSL Scholarships, 23 Emerald Lane, Palm Coast, FL 32164

   Applications may also be emailed to: GSYSL@yahoo.com

   When submitting by email; include **your name** in the subject line. Be sure that all paper work is included.

Granite State Youth Soccer League reserves the right to award fewer scholarships than announced if the number of eligible applicants with completed application packets is less than the number of scholarships announced.