



## **ROBERT K. KIRBY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Application deadline – January 30

Dear Graduating Senior:

In 2015, the Board of Directors of the West Michigan Youth Soccer Association (“WMYSA”) established a scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors who have participated with a West Michigan Youth Soccer Association sponsored team for at least five seasons. In memory of the late Robert Kirby, former WMYSA Board member, the scholarship fund was revised in March 2021.

In order to be considered, seniors must have achieved a minimum Academic Average of 2.5 unweighted grade point average and anticipate attending an accredited college or trade school. In addition, consideration for an award includes each candidate’s participation in voluntary and community service activities.

WMYSA will be awarding one \$500 scholarship to the top male and female athlete as determined by an impartial committee based upon the evaluation of the scholarship applications. Additional scholarships may be added if additional funding can be secured.

To be considered for a WMYSA scholarship, please review the eligibility requirements contained in the enclosed guidelines and submit a fully completed application to the Scholarship Committee by the posted deadline.

**APPLICANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING ALL NECESSARY MATERIALS IN ONE PACKAGE BY MAIL NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30. PLEASE DO NOT FAX OR E-MAIL APPLICATIONS.**

Please include your name and date of birth with your application and mail your package to:

West Michigan Youth Soccer Association  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 106  
Portage, MI 49081

**APPLICATIONS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE REVIEWED BY MEMBERS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ONLY. SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE WMYSA ANNUAL PRESIDENTS DINNER.**

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation and best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

*Steven DeVries*

WMYSA President



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## GUIDELINES

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

To be eligible to apply for a West Michigan Youth Soccer Association Scholarship, all applicants must:

1. Be a graduating High School Senior the year of the application.
2. Have a minimum overall academic average of 2.5 unweighted GPA.
3. Plan on attending a University, College or Trade School in the fall following graduation.
4. Have participated in a WMYSA sponsored team for at least five (5) years. Participation need not have been in successive seasons, but must include at least one season of participation during the applicant's junior or senior year of High School.
5. Have been involved in extracurricular school activities and/or community service.

### **APPLICATION: (SEE OTHER SIDE)**

All applications must be completed and received by WMYSA no later than January 30.

All applications will remain confidential and will only be reviewed by the WMYSA Scholarship Committee.

### **CHECK LIST:**

Before mailing your application, be certain that you have included the following:

1. Application.
2. Years and clubs played with, during your 5 years playing with a WMYSA sponsored team.
3. Year and club played on in Junior or senior year.
4. Senior/Graduation Photo.
5. Two letters of recommendation (Not from WMYSA Board members).
6. Current transcript with SAT or ACT scores.
7. A brief resume outlining any work and extracurricular activities
8. Essay of between 500-750 words on "How Soccer Has Affected or Influenced My Life."



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## **APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (If different) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (If different) \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART II**

West Michigan Youth Soccer Association seasons played: (List all five (5) years– spring season of current year can be included)

			CLUB/TEAM NAME	
Senior Year:	Fall <input type="checkbox"/>	Spring <input type="checkbox"/>		
Junior Year:	Fall <input type="checkbox"/>	Spring <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>FALL</b>	<b>SPRING</b>	
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**PART III**

A. Name of University, College or Trade School you will or are considering attending.

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B. A copy of current transcript and ACT or SAT scores.

**PART V** (On a separate sheet of paper)

Submit a brief resume outlining awards, athletic or non-athletic achievements, volunteer work (including what you may have given back to soccer), employment, school clubs, etc. between the ages of 14 to present.

**PART VI** (On a separate sheet of paper)

An essay between 500 and 750 words on "How Soccer Has Affected or Influenced My Life.

\* This Application and all materials submitted in connection therewith will remain confidential and will only be reviewed by the WMYSA Scholarship Committee.