

# The Iowa Soccer Club Scholarship Program

## I. Introduction

The Iowa Soccer Club, Inc. (ISC) is committed to providing a comprehensive, year-round soccer program with high quality coaching for all children interested in competitive club soccer. In addition, the ISC is committed to maintaining and enhancing diversity of its players. To provide for this diversity and to retain players of diverse backgrounds, the ISC recognizes the need to maintain and support a Scholarship Fund.

## II. Goal of the ISC Scholarship Program

The goal of the ISC Scholarship Program is to make the ISC accessible to all players regardless of their financial circumstances. In furtherance of this goal, the Scholarship Committee will:

- A) attempt to provide financial assistance to players with need by providing full or partial scholarships to cover coaching fees only,
- B) administer the fund with integrity and confidentiality, and
- C) promote responsible and fiscally sound distribution of the Scholarship Fund.

## III. Guidelines and Application Process

Eligibility will be determined by player participation in the school lunch program or low family income. Players who are Free Lunch recipients will be eligible to receive full scholarships. Players who are Reduced Lunch recipients will be eligible to receive full or partial scholarships. Players whose parents have temporary or ongoing low income status due to job loss, illness, death, divorce, etc., will be considered for full or partial scholarships. Actual scholarship support will be determined by the ISC Scholarship Committee, given the resources available to the club.

The ISC Scholarship Fund Application Form and financial documentation (*proof of Free or Reduced Lunch support OR copy of Income Tax Return*) are to be submitted to the ISC Scholarship Committee. (Since this is before school starts, intention to apply for Free or Reduced Lunch should be noted on the application. When Free or Reduced lunch is approved by the school district, a note from the principal or other school official confirming this is required for scholarship support to continue.) After reviewing all application forms, the Scholarship Committee will present its recommendations to the Coaching Director, who will make a final decision on each application based upon the Committee's recommendations. As stated above, this process is to be fair and confidential.