



Student Athlete Work Scholarship Policy

Our mission at SOZO Sports of Central Washington is developing a life-long interest in healthy activities by providing a safe, clean and fun environment with our community. The SOZO Sports of Central Washington Student Athlete Work Scholarship was created specifically to assist individuals and families with demonstrated economic need to pursue their passion for sports. These scholarships are funded purely by donations and fundraising events held to benefit scholarships. Please review the information below and if you are interested in applying for a scholarship, fill out the form and submit it to the SOZO Sports of Central Washington Scholarship Committee.

General Application Information

1. The SOZO Sports of Central Washington board of directors determines the available dollar amount for each year's scholarships. There are limited funds available and will vary depending on availability.
2. We will only accept complete applications that meet criteria and have all supporting documentation. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. A separate application must be filled out for each child.
4. Proof of most recent grade report is required.
5. Proof of income/financial need must be presented in the form of most recent income tax return, two recent pay stubs, proof of government subsidy or copy of letter from school district of acceptance into free lunch program.
6. Awarded amounts can range from a minimum of \$50 per recipient to a maximum of \$500 annually. A separate application must be filled out for each child.
7. Families are responsible for paying any uniform, club, coaching or team expenses not covered by the scholarship.
8. Any unused scholarship award will remain in the fund and used for future awards.
9. The SOZO Sports of Central Washington Scholarship Committee will review all applications and make approval based on need and availability of funds. Scholarships are not guaranteed, and potential award amount will be determined by the committee after weighing financial needs.
10. Remaining fees/expenses remain the responsibility of the player/camper and applicable fees or remaining balance must be paid prior to traveling to a competition.
11. Awarded scholarship funds will be applied directly to the recipient's SOZO Sports of Central Washington Student Athlete Account. No funds will be paid directly to the recipient.
12. Applicant must be continually enrolled in a school in Yakima County or in a home school program.

Application Criteria

1. Applicant must be participating in a club or camp using SOZO Sports of Central Washington for practices, games and activities.
2. Applicant must have played a sport with a SOZO Sports of Central Washington affiliated club/association. Affiliated association is defined as an association that is in good standing with SOZO Sports of Central Washington. The applicant should have played sports, either recreational or competitive, during their elementary and/or secondary school years.
3. Academic record must reflect qualities of a good student.



Non-Discrimination Policy

SOZO Sports of Central Washington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color or ethnic origin in administration of its training, clinics or tournament policies, registration policies, scholarship program or other league administered programs.

Privacy

Every effort is made to protect the privacy of the individual/family applying for financial assistance. Private information will not be disclosed to third parties without prior written consent of the individual/family.

Changes in Scholarship Policies and Procedures

SOZO Sports of Central Washington reserves the right to amend any of the scholarship policies and procedures at any time through action by its Board of Directors and Scholarship Committee.

Application requirements

The following items are required to be submitted in order to complete your scholarship request. All documents must be enclosed in a single envelope and submitted by mail to SOZO Sports of Central Washington, PO BOX 10786 Yakima, WA 98909 by mail or email to info@sozosports.net.

1. Completed SOZO Sports of Central Washington Student Work Agreement signed by player and parent or legal guardian.
2. Copy of most recent quarter/semester report card or other official representation of academic record.
3. Letter of recommendation from a person showing your involvement in the community or from a teacher showing involvement in your school.
4. Copy of the first two pages of the applicant family's most recent tax return, two recent pay stubs or proof of participation in the National School Lunch Program (can be in the form of a letter from the school).
5. Letter describing your current situation and why you are requesting a scholarship.

Selection Criteria

1. Financial need.
2. Involvement in youth sports as a camper, player, a referee, and/or a coach.
3. Recommendations from club and/or school soccer coach.
4. Scholastic effort including GPA, attendance, and extracurricular activities.

Applicant Agreement

1. Applicant agrees to volunteer at SOZO Sports of Central Washington to perform duties related to daily operations, help at tournaments, refereeing, or at fundraising events. Minimum of 10 hours per SOZO Scholarship year.
2. Applicant's parent's/guardians agree to volunteer with the same duties with the applicants at SOZO Sports of Central Washington minimum of 5 hours during SOZO Scholarship year.



SOZO Sports of Central WA Student Athlete Work Scholarship Form

Player's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Email Address: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Team Name: _____ Coach: _____
GPA at the end of the last school year: _____
Type of community service or school activity you are involved in:

Mother's Name: _____ Cell: _____
Mother's Email Address: _____ Occupation: _____
Father's Name: _____ Cell: _____
Father's Email Address: _____ Occupation _____

Application Agreement: For all recipients of SOZO Sports of Central Washington scholarships, 10 hours of volunteer work will be required by the recipient and 5 hours are required by the parent/guardian. This may include such help with tournaments, camps clinics, refereeing, fundraising events and other events. If a scholarship is awarded, we will work with you to schedule appropriate work and work times for you. Failure to fulfill work agreement may result in players being suspended from the program and denial of future scholarships.

Players Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____