

## VSA Scholarship Policy

VSA is committed to ensuring that all children have the opportunity to be active and receive the benefits of participation in our program regardless of economic status. VSA's Scholarship Program is available to players seeking to participate in our travel program who are in need of financial assistance. Funds for this program are unfortunately very limited. VSA continues to seek additional sponsors and contributors to fund additional financial assistance to grow the scholarship program.

### **Eligibility**

All VSA travel team players are eligible to apply. Submission of an application does not guarantee assistance will be provided. Qualification will primarily be based on verified family income. All families applying for assistance must submit income information for verification purposes. For those families who do not meet the family income threshold, other factors such as unemployment or other financial hardships will be considered and must be outlined in detail on the scholarship application. All families applying for financial assistance must submit, for verification purposes only, one of the following:

- Free or reduced lunch documentation
- Medicaid documentation
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (TANF)
- Most recent 1040 income tax return

Applications will not be processed without one of these documents.

### **Application Process**

The application deadline for each seasonal year is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications must be complete, signed and all required documentation supplied and postmarked no later than July 1st to be considered for financial assistance. The scholarship application form is available on VSA's website. Families who experience a mid-season change in financial circumstances (medical emergency, loss of job, divorce are examples of a change in circumstances) may notify the Club and complete the scholarship application at that time. There may not be funds available to assist during mid-year but families may apply. The application process is the same as above but the family must provide significant detail on the change in circumstances and the anticipated length of time assistance is required. Similarly, if a player is added to the roster after the application deadline date, the player family may still apply, noting this on their application.

## **Completed applications should be mailed to:**

VSA  
c/o Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 101  
Haymarket, VA 20168

## **Notification**

Notification of the committee's decision will be sent to the applicant in writing. VSA will provide the family with a registration discount code in the notification which can be used for player registration. If the player has already registered and initialized payment, the approved amount can be credited to the account.

## **Terms and Conditions**

- The scholarship committee may award full or partial scholarships.
- The scholarship is for the full seasonal year.
- Applicant must reapply each seasonal year.
- If the scholarship applicant was a previous VSA member, then the applicant must have been a member in "good standing" in order to be considered for financial aid. The term "good standing" applies to previous members who had no outstanding unpaid debts to VSA and no disciplinary issues.
- All families awarded financial assistance will be required to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours. Families that have not completed volunteer hours by the end of the seasonal year will not be permitted to apply for a scholarship in the next seasonal year. VSA has an extensive number of opportunities for volunteers.