



2017-2018 Greater Seattle Surf Scholarship Application



Scholarship Policy

Greater Seattle Surf awards scholarships based on families' financial need. Our intent is to make sure that income level is not a barrier in access to the ability to play Premier soccer.

Greater Seattle Surf (GS Surf) scholarships are open to all players in need. GS Surf does not discriminate based on age, sex, sexual orientation, race or religion. GS Surf does not use its scholarships as a recruiting tool for specific teams. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. Players must reapply every year.

GS Surf has a limited number of scholarships available and therefore we want to make sure that scholarship recipients understand the responsibilities involved in accepting a scholarship and an offer to play with a GS Surf team. Players who are provided scholarships are expected to meet the club-wide player expectations: play hard, make all club events, practices and games and contribute to the team. Failure to fulfill the club and coach's expectations and make payments on time can lead to a revoking of a scholarship. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the GS Surf Executive Committee.

NEW PAYMENT PLAN FOR THE 2017-2018 SEASON

GS Surf scholarships reduce the total club fees for qualifying players. Players who live in households with incomes 185% or less of the Federal Poverty Level qualify for a reduced club fee of \$800/player. Families with incomes 225% of the Federal Poverty Level qualify for a reduced club fee of \$1,100 for one player; \$1,000 per player for multiple children.

The club fee can be paid in full at the time of registration or with an auto payment plan over nine months (see example payment plans on page 6).

If your player qualifies for a reduced fee, you will be given a promo code to reduce the club fee when registering your player online.

The club fee includes RCL league fees and State Cup tournament fees. Each player can expect to pay an additional \$200-\$800 in team fees to cover specific team expenses like tournament fees and team travel expenses. The higher figure is for teams who travel to out-of-state tournaments. A uniform must also be purchased for approximately \$160-\$200.

Families with incomes that do not qualify for scholarship, but who need a reduction in fees because they have special circumstances need to fill out the attached *Request for Reduced Club Fees* form (page 5 - explain their financial hardship) and submit it to the Scholarship Committee for consideration scholarshipcommittee@gssurffc.org.

In the event that your family is awarded financial assistance, it will not cover all of the expenses related to premier soccer. You are expected to meet with your Team Treasurer to develop a payment plan for team expenses for tournaments, travel, additional league fees, etc. GS Surf is a volunteer run organization and families are encouraged to volunteer service to their team and to the Club. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year.

Instructions

Please use the Income Eligibility Chart on the next page as a guideline to determine whether you may be eligible for a GS Surf scholarship. In cases of hardship or unexpected events, an appeal can be made to the GS Surf Scholarship Committee for assistance or waiver of a portion of any fees. If you need financial assistance and your household income exceeds the income levels on the Income Eligibility Chart, please fill out the *Request for Reduced Club Fees* form (page 5) and explain your situation.

Documents Needed

- Completed 2017-2018 Scholarship Application.
- Copy of the family IRS Form 1040 (or Form 1040s) for 2016 which claims the participant as a dependent on their tax return (i.e. if married filing separately both parent's Form 1040s must be included, if divorced the parent who claims the participant as a dependent for 2016 must be provided), including all W-2s, 1099s and other documents that support total annual income. If the family IRS Form 1040 for 2016 is not yet available the Form 1040 for the prior year (2015) must be turned in with all the 2016 W-2s, 1099s and other documents that support total annual income. *Please cross off your SS# / TIN# before sending in your forms.*
- If families don't have a copy of the family IRS Form 1040 they will need to fill out the *Request for Reduced Club Fees* form (page 5) and submit it to the Scholarship Committee scholarshipcommittee@gssurfsc.org for consideration of a \$1,100 reduced fee.
- Families with exceptional hardship may be considered for further financial support by contacting the Scholarship Committee directly scholarshipcommittee@gssurfsc.org.

Please be aware that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Return the completed Scholarship Application and the necessary documents to the GS Surf office before your player's tryouts begin.

Office staff is available to help you if you need assistance.

Drop off or mail to:
Greater Seattle Surf
Attention: Karen Renkert
11824 North Creek Parkway North, Suite 101
Bothell, WA 98011
Office Hours: 10:00-4:00 pm, Monday - Thursday

Assistance in Spanish
Contact Carolina Pinzon
carolina.pinzon@gssurfsc.org

or scan and email to karen.renkert@gssurfsc.org

Privacy

Applications and financial data are held confidential. Please contact Karen Renkert if you have any questions regarding this form at karen.renkert@gssurfsc.org.

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IMPORTANT: THIS FORM AND ALL REQUIRED FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE GS SURF OFFICE BEFORE YOUR PLAYER'S TRYOUTS BEGIN

Participant Name:	Team Name:	Date of Birth:
Name(s) of Other GS Surf Siblings:		Date of Birth:
Parent/Guardian 1 Name:	Parent/Guardian 2 Name:	
Address:	City:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Email:	
2016 Annual Household Income*	Household Size**	
Amount You Are Able to Pay Per Player (Minimum \$800)		
<p>_____ I have special circumstances I would like you to consider and have filled out the attached financial hardship request form.</p>		

I attest that I understand the scholarship policy and agree to fulfill the expectations and responsibilities stated in that policy.

Policy and Expectations: GS Surf scholarships are open to all players in need. GS Surf does not discriminate based on age, sex, sexual orientation, race or religion. GS Surf does not use its scholarships as a recruiting tool for specific teams. Our goal is to provide opportunities to any player who may not be able to afford the cost of playing for GS Surf.

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I certify that all of the information contained in and submitted with this application is true and correct, and that all sources of earned and passive income are reported. I understand that I am submitting this information as part of an application for a reduced club fee, that GS Surf officials may verify this information, and that deliberate misrepresentation or omission of information may jeopardize my chances of receiving such funds.

Parent/Guardian 1 Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian 2 Signature	Date

Reduced Fee Amount:	Approved:	Notified:
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\$800 Scholarship Level - Income Eligibility Chart 2017-2018

Household Size**	Annual Household Income*	Monthly Household Income*	Weekly Household Income*
1	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$423
2	\$29,637	\$2,470	\$570
3	\$37,296	\$3,108	\$718
4	\$44,955	\$3,747	\$865
5	\$52,614	\$4,385	\$1,012
6	\$60,273	\$5,023	\$1,160
7	\$67,951	\$5,663	\$1,307
8	\$75,647	\$6,304	\$1,455
Each additional household member add	+\$7,696	+\$642	+\$148

\$1,100 Scholarship Level - Income Eligibility Chart 2017-2018

Household Size**	Annual Household Income*	Monthly Household Income*	Weekly Household Income*
1	\$26,730	\$2,228	\$514
2	\$36,045	\$3,004	\$693
3	\$45,360	\$3,780	\$872
4	\$54,675	\$4,556	\$1,051
5	\$63,990	\$5,333	\$1,231
6	\$73,305	\$6,109	\$1,410
7	\$82,643	\$6,887	\$1,589
8	\$92,003	\$7,667	\$1,769
Each additional household member add	+\$9,360	+\$780	+\$180

*Annual income defined as total income per line 22 on the IRS Form 1040(s)

**Household size defined as total number of exemptions per line 6 on the IRS Form 1040(s)

Request for Reduced Club Fees

This form is filled out by families who do not have tax forms or pay stubs for documentation of income and families with exceptional financial need and returned to the Scholarship Committee for consideration.

Please send this completed form to the Scholarship Committee: scholarshipcommittee@gssurfsc.org

Name of player(s):

Name of parents:

Phone and email for parent:

1. Why is it too difficult to pay clubs or scholarship fees for your child to play for GS Surf?
2. How much money combined does your family earn monthly?
3. Do both parents work?
4. How many people do you support on this income?
5. What are your monthly expenses?
6. How much can you pay per player per year to play for GS Surf this year?
7. How many children in your family play for GS Surf?
8. Have you asked other family members to help you pay the GS Surf fees?
9. Will you be able to pay for a uniform and the team and travel expenses you face this year? (\$360-\$1,000)

2017-2018 Total Annual Fees Calculation				
9 Month Payment Plan (9 Payments)				
Annual Club Fee:	Date Due	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
		\$800 Reduced Club Fee	\$1,100 Reduced Club Fee	\$1,000 Reduced Club Fee
Club Fee	February	\$96	\$124	\$120
Club Fee	March 15*	\$93	\$127	\$115
Club Fee	April 15*	\$93	\$127	\$115
Club Fee	May 15*	\$93	\$127	\$115
Club Fee	June 15*	\$93	\$127	\$115
Club Fee	July 15*	\$93	\$127	\$115
Club Fee	August 15*	\$93	\$127	\$115
Club Fee	September 15*	\$93	\$127	\$115
Club Fee	October 15*	\$93	\$127	\$115
Total Annual Club Fee		\$840	\$1,140	\$1,040

* \$5 processing fee is added to each payment

Additional Annual Fees:	Date Due	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
Uniform Fee	February	\$160-\$200	\$160-\$200	\$160-\$200
Team Fees--see expense details below**	February/July	\$200	\$200	\$200
Player Travel Expense	Anytime	\$150-\$600	\$150-\$600	\$150-\$600
Total Additional Annual Fees		\$510-\$1,000	\$510-\$1,000	\$510-\$1,000

2017-2018 Total Annual Fees		\$1,350-\$1,840	\$1,650-\$2,140	\$1,550-\$2,040
**Detail of Typical Types of Team Expenses	Date of Event	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
June Tournament	June	\$55	\$55	\$55
July Tournament	July	\$55	\$55	\$55
August Tournament	August	\$65	\$65	\$65
Coach Travel Expense	August	\$25	\$25	\$25
Total Team Fees (can be 2 or more payments)		\$200	\$200	\$200

**Team fees could range from \$200-\$800 depending on team travel expenses. The higher figure is for teams who travel to out-of-state tournaments.