

# SOUTHPORT DEVELOPMENTAL FOOTBALL, INC. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## OVERVIEW

Southport Developmental Football, Inc. (SDF) provides scholarships for registration fees to children, who without financial assistance would be unable to participate in SDF sports programs. In certain cases the scholarship may also provide assistance for basic equipment required to participate in SDF sports. SDF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with limited funding available for scholarships. No guarantee of assistance is implied by this application. If the number of scholarship applications submitted and approved exceeds the amount available, the scholarships will be awarded by a lottery system. SDF does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability in its program and activities.

## ELIGIBILITY

Requirements for eligibility:

- Athletes must be of eligible age to participate in a SDF Sports Program
- Parents/Guardians commit that the athlete will attend a minimum of 90% of all scheduled practices and games for recreational sports and 95% of all scheduled practices and games for competitive sports
- Parents/Guardians agree to volunteer 8 hours, per scholarship recipient, with a maximum of 20 hours per family per calendar year. Hours will support SDF related activities and must be completed no later than 1 month after the sport in which the scholarship was granted has completed.
- The maximum amount awarded per recipient family is \$599.00 per calendar year. Per IRS guidelines, SDF is required to issue a 1099 form to any individual or family that has received \$600.00 or more in funds or compensation in a calendar year.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Please provide all information required to help SDF determine qualifications.

Scholarship consideration will be given to families that provide one of the following of criteria as well as the completed Terms & Conditions:

- Provide a copy of your IRS form 1040 from the recent tax year.
- Receive assistance from programs such as: Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Foster Care, WIC, etc. and can provide written documentation of participation in these programs
- Provide recommendation by school representative, social worker, youth community center workers or other social service representative
- Provide a written statement of immediate financial hardship explaining the current situation. SDF recognizes that a family may not be receiving formal assistance from the programs mentioned above, yet financial assistance may still be needed to participate in a SDF Sports Program. In these instances, the SDF scholarship board will consider the financial hardship statement to determine scholarship eligibility. Please provide any supporting documentation that may support the facts in your financial hardship statement.
- Complete the application process and read and sign the Terms and Conditions statement. Incomplete applications will automatically be denied.

**PROCEDURE**

Scholarship requests must be submitted to SDF by prior to the Closing Registration Date of a sport's program in order to be considered. A parent, guardian, or head of household must complete the application, with all requested information provided. All items on the Scholarship Terms and Conditions must be initialed and the form must be signed and dated. Incomplete or late applications will be denied.

As indicated above, one of the items below must be included to be considered for scholarship:

- Income documentation (i.e. previous year tax returns, current paystubs)
- State or Federal assistance documentation
- Letter from school, social worker, youth community center worker, or other social services representative
- Letter of hardship

The SDF Scholarship Committee will consider all scholarship applications completed with all necessary documentation and received by the deadline. The amount of the scholarship awarded (if any) may be a partial or full scholarship depending on the number applicants, and amount of scholarship funds available. The parent, guardian or head of household will be notified in either case of a scholarship being awarded or not.

Approval of a registration scholarship does not register the participant in the activity. Athlete must still register online or in person for the SDF sport for which the scholarship was awarded.

**SOUTHPORT DEVELOPMENTAL FOOTBALL, INC. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Terms and Conditions

“I”, “me” and “my” refer to the adult scholarship applicant.

\_\_\_\_ 1. By signing this form I certify that the information contained in this scholarship packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_ 2. By signing this form I agree to be bound by the responsibilities and expectations set forth in this application if I receive a scholarship.

\_\_\_\_ 3. I understand that members of the Southport Developmental Football Board of Directors consider each scholarship application on a case-by-case basis.

\_\_\_\_ 4. I understand that no guarantee of assistance is implied by this application and scholarships are awarded if funds are available.

\_\_\_\_ 5. I understand that unless I am awarded basic equipment as part of my scholarship, I am responsible for any equipment and uniforms required for my child’s participation.

\_\_\_\_ 6. I understand that scholarship money will not be paid to the individual recipient, nor will any money be refunded to the individual recipient.

\_\_\_\_ 7. I understand that if any information provided during the scholarship application is deemed inaccurate, Southport Developmental Football may immediately terminate my child’s privilege to benefit from the scholarship program, and in the case any information was intentionally false, I will repay to Southport Developmental Football the full value of any scholarship awarded.

\_\_\_\_ 8. I understand that if a scholarship is awarded to my child or multiple children, I am required to volunteer 8 hours, per scholarship recipient, with a maximum of 20 hours required per calendar year. Failure to satisfy this condition will disqualify me, my child(-ren), and my immediate family from being considered for another scholarship for 12 months.

\_\_\_\_ 9. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure my child(-ren) attend 90% of all scheduled practices and games for recreation sports and 95% of all scheduled practices and games for competitive sports.

\_\_\_\_ 10. This application is considered private and will not be shared with anyone other than the scholarship review board.

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Printed Name of Adult Applicant

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Signature of Adult Applicant

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Name of Scholarship Athlete

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Date