



West Chester Soccer Club ♦ 8221 Barret Road ♦ West Chester, OH 45069

Julie Whelan Scholarship - 2026

The Julie Whelan Scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating high school senior(s) from the West Chester, Ohio area who has played, refereed and/or volunteered for West Chester Soccer Club. The Scholarship will awarded be based upon the applicant's contributions to and experiences with West Chester Soccer Club (WCSC).

Julie Whelan was a 20-year volunteer with WCSC, coaching and refereeing. She was a passionate soccer fan and sports nut. Along with her husband Mike, Julie followed her kids, Jason and Jonathan, when they played for WCSC, several area club teams and Lakota West Soccer.

In 2010, Julie was diagnosed with lung cancer which she bravely battled. In spite of her illness and aggressive treatments, she continued to come to the West Chester Soccer Complex daily during the spring and fall seasons focusing on mentoring and training our youth referees. Julie was often on the golf cart, watching over the referees and enjoying what she referred to as her "normal" time. She went through radiation, chemo, and maintenance drugs until she passed away in January 2014.

To help keep Julie's legacy alive, you can donate:

Julie Whelan Scholarship Fund / WCSC
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Eligibility

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How to Apply

1. Write an essay about your experience with WCSC (250-500 words). Be sure to include the information requested on the application form.
2. Complete the application form.
3. Submit the application form and essay to: WCSC, 8221 Barret Road, West Chester, OH 45069
1. Provide one recommendation in sealed envelope sent directly by the person who is recommending you to WCSC, 8221 Barret Road, West Chester, OH 45069

Timeline

The due date for 2026 applications is May 31. Applications should be sent to WCSC, 8221 Barret Road, West Chester, OH 45069. Selected applicant(s) will be notified by August 1.

Award

The chosen applicant will receive an award up to a maximum amount of \$500.

- If the WCSC Board of Directors feel that more than one applicant is deserving, it will be at its discretion how this \$500 is divided and if more than one award may be given. If there is not a worthy applicant in a given year, no scholarship may be awarded.
- The scholarship will be awarded to an applicant only once.

Selection

A committee consisting of WCSC board members, WCSC coaches, and/or Julie's family will determine the recipient(s) of the awards. The award will be given directly to the winner(s).





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Julie Whelan Scholarship Application

For West Chester, Ohio area high school students
Maximum award \$500*
Due: MAY 31, 2026

Thank you for taking time to complete this application for the Julie Whelan Scholarship.

The applicant must be enrolled in a college/university/school for the coming fall semester for the purpose of continuing his/her education in some way. Your essay should address topics such as your integrity, leadership ability, mentoring, passion for the game, volunteerism, never give up attitude, doing what's right, and contributions to your school and/or community. Explain how these things relate to your experience with WCSC. Also include what you intend to do with the scholarship award if you are chosen.

Your name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

High School attended: _____

College/School attending: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Send your essay and application in a sealed envelope to: WCSC, 8221 Barret Road, West Chester, OH 45069.

* It will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors how this \$500 is divided if more than one applicant is chosen. This is a one-time award per student – thank you for applying.





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Julie Whelan Scholarship Recommendation

For West Chester, Ohio area high school students

Maximum award \$500

Due: May 31, 2026

Thank you for taking time to complete this recommendation for the Julie Whelan Scholarship. Your thoughts and opinions are very important to us.

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Recommendation for _____

Your name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

What is your relationship to the applicant and how long have you known him/her?
(Is this a teacher, coach, parent, clergy, etc...)

Why do you feel the applicant is an excellent candidate for the Julie Whelan Scholarship?
(Please attach your letter of recommendation)

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE DO NOT GIVE RECOMMENDATION TO STUDENT/APPLICANT

Send your recommendation in a sealed to: WCSC, 8221 Barret Road, West Chester, OH 45069

