

Howard Gerken Youth Recreational Soccer Scholarship

At River Soccer Club, we are excited to announce the Howard Gerken Scholarship Program for Recreational Soccer. This scholarship is named in honor of founder, Howard Gerken, who is affectionately known as the 'Godfather' of soccer in Sussex County. This scholarship initiative reflects his enduring commitment to fostering the love of the game among youth of all backgrounds and abilities. Howard, the visionary behind River Soccer Club, ran recreational leagues long before its official establishment. Howard dedicated his life to organizing travel teams and even establishing River's TOPSoccer program. Without Howard Gerken, there would be no River Soccer Club. Inspired by Howard's passion, the Howard Gerken Youth Recreational Soccer Scholarship aims to break down financial barriers and ensure that each child has the opportunity to play soccer. Financial assistance will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis each season, emphasizing a collective effort to make soccer accessible to all.



The Howard Gerken Scholarship is designed to provide valuable financial assistance to families, allowing more children to participate in the joy of soccer. We kindly request that families contribute a minimum of \$25 per child each season toward to cost of uniforms and recreation fees, as the scholarship intends to complement rather than fully cover the costs. This collaborative effort ensures that we can extend support to as many families as possible, fostering a shared commitment to making soccer accessible for all children.





Howard Gerken Youth Recreational Soccer Scholarship Application



Date of Application: _____	Applicant/Player Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____	School Attended: _____
Address of Applicant: _____	
Guardian's Name: _____	Phone Number: _____
Guardian's Email: _____	
Requested Program: (Circle One) Fall Winter Spring	

Reason(s) for Financial Assistance Request:

All players applying for the Howard Gerken Youth Recreational Soccer Scholarship must answer the following questions/statements. (Please provide 2-3 sentences in your responses.)

1. Please define what being a part of a team means to you.

2. Why do you want to participate in this sports program?

The selection team will review your application and determine your eligibility for financial assistance. All personal information will be kept confidential within the Board of Directors of River Soccer Club.

Consent to Release Information:

I understand that my signature authorizes River Soccer Club to obtain verification of all the information on this application. I certify that all the information on this form is true and correct. I understand that my child's participation in this program requires a commitment to attend a minimum of 80% of the scheduled practice and games. I understand that the Howard Gerken Youth Recreational Soccer Scholarship is designed to provide valuable financial assistance to families, allowing more children to participate in the joy of soccer. We kindly request that families contribute a minimum of \$25 per child each season toward the uniform and recreation fees.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____