



## 2026 Scholarship Policy

The scholarship program was established to assist families with financial hardship, not for talent or loyalty. For players that meet the League's requirements for scholarship, league fees for the season in question will be paid partially or fully by the League. Scholarships are neither permanent nor automatically renewed every year, and will expire at the end of each season.

CNLL Provides two options for players:

**Partial Seasonal Scholarship:** 50% or less of the season fees are requested. These requests will be processed during the regular registration time frame, and if approved, will place the player on a team roster, pending completion of player registration.

**Full Seasonal Scholarship:** 51% or more of the season fees are requested. These requests will place the player on the division waitlist, and the application reviewed after registration closes. Grants for full scholarships will be dependent upon available funds, and available roster spots.

Every applicant that has met the eligibility requirements will be evaluated on their own merit.

### I. SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The League will not deny any child a chance to play baseball due to a financial hardship. We are committed to providing a program that allows every child to play baseball, and our mission is to offer an affordable program for our players and families, while maintaining the financial health and sustainability of the league. *Please do not ask for a scholarship if you have the ability to pay.*

A limited number of scholarships are available based on the leagues annual budget, community sponsorship received, and the overall number of registrants. Since scholarship funds are limited, applicants must meet certain financial criteria, as noted below, and certify that they qualify. Applicants may be asked to provide additional information to prove the player is eligible for a scholarship.

In addition, families applying for a scholarship acknowledge that the league is run by volunteers and there is an expectation that parents/guardians of scholarship recipients will give back to the League by volunteering or in any way they can, as detailed below

### II. SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible for a scholarship, the following information must be provided:

- Requests for either partial or full scholarships must be made via the Scholarship Request Form, available from the Player Agent, and submitted before the registration deadline.
- Documentation demonstrating an immediate hardship such as: medical issue, unemployment, most recent tax return or written documentation of an approved current participation in an



assistance program such as: food stamps, SSI, etc.

- Proof of CNLL boundary residency (ex. – DL, utility bill, car registration, car insurance, etc.)
- Proof of player's age (birth certificate)

Application information will be kept completely confidential and only be reviewed by the Board Scholarship Committee members. Information shall NOT be shared with anyone else.

**Before submitting the scholarship request form to the League, parents and/or guardians should understand the following:**

- The scholarship eligibility requirements
- The scholarship review period turnaround time
- No review will be conducted until all forms are completed in entirety, no exceptions
- You may contact the League Board with any questions

### **III. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

If your son or daughter receives a scholarship, you will be asked to volunteer 1 hour for every \$15 in scholarship money granted. There are many volunteer hour opportunities, some noted below, and the league will provide you with all options:

- Volunteer as a coach/ team mom (must have background check)
- Commit to involvement with a subcommittee of the Board
- Offer help with league events
- Offer help with field maintenance
- Assist in additional fundraising
- Obtain a sponsorship for our league. Sponsorships must add up to the value of scholarship your child is granted.

*Note any combination of the following can be obtained...ex. \$100 sponsorship + 5 hours (\$50) of volunteer time = \$150 scholarship*

**IMPORTANT - if you fail to uphold your volunteer obligation you may be disqualified from receiving scholarship from the League in the future.**

### **IV. ADDITIONAL FAQ's**

- In financial hardship cases, a scholarship may be requested for each child in your family that wants to play baseball. The Scholarship Committee will examine the needs and make a decision on the scope (full or partial) of the scholarship award(s).



- If you have been given a scholarship in the past or present, that does not prevent future scholarship requests. The circumstances (financial hardships, etc) noted in the request are evaluated with every request (re-evaluated if it is a repeated request). The scholarship eligibility requirements still must be satisfied in all cases.
- All scholarships are judged on their own merit. Depending on the circumstances, the scholarship award may be full or it may be partial. The Board's Scholarship Committee will make the final determination.
- If your child participates in any type of travel/club baseball team or is taking private baseball lessons of any sort during the current season, they are not eligible for a scholarship. If a scholarship is granted and the league finds out they are involved in any of the above, the scholarship will immediately be revoked and you will be expected to pay the league in full for the league fees.
- Your child will be placed on a team when his/ her REGISTRATION is complete. That includes: registration information form submitted in full, scholarship application is complete and submitted in full, scholarship request granted, and any remaining player fees PAID.

If you require further information, please contact the Player Agent.