

Henry Politzer Memorial Scholarships
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The Framingham United Soccer Club and the Framingham United Boosters Club annually offer scholarships to graduating high school seniors who have been players or referee members of FUSC and who will be attending an accredited two- or four-year college after graduation. This year, the amount awarded for each scholarship is \$750 and is awarded in memory of six individuals.

Henry Politzer, who is remembered and esteemed by our club, was a founding member of FUSC. He conducted exceptional soccer coaching clinics, wrote numerous articles in "Coaches Corner" of Soccer New England, helped create the Pocket Skills and Drills Coaching Manual and participated in several Boys' Memorial Day Tournaments. Henry played professionally for six years in Vienna for the Austria Football Club. FUSC honors his many years of dedication to the sport of soccer and to the children of Framingham through these scholarships.

Lori Vengrow, who died in 1998, graduated from Framingham High School in 1991 and participated as a player member of FUSC for many years.

Jonathan Allan, who died in 1997, graduated from Framingham North High School in 1990 and participated as a member of FUSC as both a player and referee for many years. This scholarship will be awarded to graduating seniors who, in addition to meeting all the regular criteria, have performed notably as a referee.

Gillian Tara Shor, who died in 2000 at the age of thirteen, participated as a player member of FUSC even after emergency brain surgery diminished her skill and ability, but not her spirit. The soccer field at Brophy School is dedicated to Gil, and etched on the granite that marks the dedication is Gil's motto: "Play hard, play fair, have fun."

Mark J. Goldman, who died in 2021, was a past President and Trustee of FUSC and extraordinarily influential in securing the Merchant Road complex for the Club. In addition to his long service and numerous contributions to the Club, Mark was an active volunteer supporting Friends of Callahan Center and the Cushing Park Committee. Candidates will need to demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism and be able to demonstrate how they overcame adversity in any aspect of their life.

Stephen Smoller, who died in 2024, was a supporter of FUSC for over 30 years having volunteered as a Coach, Girls Director, Referee, Referee Mentor, and Trustee. In addition to his long service to FUSC, Steve also served on the Boards of Boston Area Youth Soccer and Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association. Candidates should demonstrate significant contributions to one or more non-profit organizations and/or have served in a mentoring role.

Awards will be granted to students graduating from high school this year who:

- Have lived in Framingham for six or more years
- Been an active participant in FUSC for at least six seasons (spring/fall) - do not have to be consecutive
- Referee applicants must have participated as licensed referees in the club for at least four seasons – do not have to be consecutive
- Applicants' school records must indicate a probability of success in a chosen field of higher education
- Schools of choice must be accredited as either a two- or four-year program
- Applicants who are not currently playing organized soccer or who have left the club to promote their own personal advancement of soccer are eligible to apply

The scholarship committee seeks a well-rounded student to be a scholarship recipient. ***Dedicated commitments to FUSC, school and community will weigh heavily in award selections.***

2025 FUSC Scholarship Application



Please fill out this form completely and either e-mail or mail applications to:

Cassie Clarke @ secretary@fusc.org or

**Attn: FUSC Scholarship
3 Woodside Cottage Way
Framingham, MA. 01701**

- ❖ **Include a typed essay** stating why the Club should award you one of its scholarships, emphasizing your contributions (past and future) to the Club and your community (*do not use your college application personal essay*).
- ❖ Separately, have **one letter of recommendation** sent/mailed to the address above from a high school faculty member

COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY **SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025.**

Full Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Current School: _____

Home Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email Address: _____ Years lived in Framingham _____

Parent Names and phone numbers _____

List seasons participated in FUSC _____

Siblings: Name	Age	School (location if out of school)	Grade	Current FUSC Player
_____	_____	_____	_____	Yes \ No
_____	_____	_____	_____	Yes \ No
_____	_____	_____	_____	Yes \ No

What are your plans for next year (what school will you be attending or what trade will you be pursuing)?

School Activities

Community Activities & Service (including FUSC)

Attach additional sheet if necessary.

_____ I have been a licensed referee in the Club. Please consider me for the Jonathan Allan Memorial Scholarship.