

## Knox County Youth Sports & Summer Camp Scholarship Application

### OVERVIEW

KCYS (KCYS) provides scholarships for registration fees to children, who without financial assistance would be unable to participate in KCYS sports programs. In certain cases the scholarship may also provide assistance for basic equipment required to participate in CYS sports. This equipment will be on loan and must be returned at the end of the season. 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. **CYS 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 eligible (based on age) to participate in a KCYS Sports Program
- Parents/Guardians commit that the athlete will attend a minimum of **90% of all scheduled practices and games.**
- **SUMMER CAMPS** - Parents/Guardians commit that the camper will attend the 1<sup>st</sup> day of camp or contact Knox County Parks and Recreation to cancel their scholarship so that it can be reissued. If the camper fails to attend the **1<sup>st</sup> day of camp and a minimum of 4 days of a 5 day summer camp** or notify Knox County Parks and Recreation prior to the start of camp this condition will disqualify me, my child(-ren), and my immediate family from being considered for another Summer Camp scholarship for 24 months.
- Parents/Guardians agree to volunteer **2 hours**, per scholarship recipient (does not apply to summer camps), with a maximum of **20 hours** per family per calendar year. Hours will support KCYS 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, KCYS 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 KCYS determine qualifications.

Scholarship consideration will be given to families that meet the following criteria:

- 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. KCYS 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 KCYS Sports Program or Camp. In these instances, the Senior Director will consider the financial hardship an issue a statement to KCYSAB 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.**

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[https://www.knoxcounty.org/parks/team\\_sports\\_nav.php](https://www.knoxcounty.org/parks/team_sports_nav.php)

#### **PROCEDURE**

Scholarship requests must be submitted to KCYS **1 MONTH PRIOR TO THE END OF THE REGISTRATION PERIOD** 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, all of the following must be included to be considered for scholarship:**

- State or Federal assistance documentation
- Letter from school, social worker, youth community center worker, or other social services Representative.
- Letter of hardship

The KCYS 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, head of household will be notified in either case if 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 KCYS sport for which the scholarship was awarded

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### 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 KCYS considers 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 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, KCYS will 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 KCYS 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 2 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 24 months.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure my child(-ren) attend 90% of all scheduled practices and games. Failure to satisfy this condition will disqualify me, my child(-ren), and my immediate family from being considered for another scholarship for 24 months.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure my child(-ren) attend the 1<sup>st</sup> day **and a minimum of 4 days the 5-day summer camps** or notify Knox County Parks and Recreation prior to the start of camp. Failure to satisfy this condition will disqualify me, my child(-ren), and my immediate family from being considered for another scholarship for 24 months.

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Printed Name of Adult

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Applicant Signature of Adult Applicant

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Name of Scholarship Athlete/Camper

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Date