

Village of Key Biscayne

Key Biscayne Youth Athletic
Advisory Board

Sports Scholarship Program
Proposal

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Youth Sports Scholarship Initiative

The primary goal of this initiative is to create the following scholarship programs and to establish guidelines that will assure that the equitable administration of available scholarship funds across all sports.

- Need-Based Scholarship Program
- Volunteer Incentive Program
- Multiple Sibling Discount Program
- Early Registration Discount Program

Need-based Scholarship Program

- Scholarships will be available only to the following three groups of participants, and only after proper proof of residency, immigration status, and employment is verified:
 - (1) Participants in youth athletic programs who are residents of Key Biscayne and who are legally residing within the United States
 - (2) Participants whose parent(s) or guardian(s) are employees of the Village of Key Biscayne
 - (3) Participants whose parent(s) or guardian(s) are employees of any Key Biscayne public school.
- Scholarships will be available only to participants in Tier I (intramural) & Tier II ('in-season' travel) sports.
 - Currently, these sports include Baseball, Basketball, Football (tackle and flag), Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball,
 - Participants in Tier 3 ('out-of season') sports will not be eligible for a scholarship.
- The determination of "need" will be made according to each household's disclosure of financial information and/or special circumstances.

- All applications will be submitted on behalf of a single household unit. A single household will include all of the following persons (1) all sibling participants under the age of eighteen and/or all co-habiting participants, (2) both parents of the participant, regardless of marital status, (3) all guardians of the participants, and (4) all adults who are co-habiting with the participant more than fifty percent (50%) of the time.

- Each scholarship application will be ranked according to taxable income, as determined by the previous year's federal income tax return or similar document if no federal tax return exists. Maximum taxable income to qualify for a scholarship will be determined as follows:
 - If family has 2 or less children, then maximum taxable income shall be \$75,000.
 - If family has more than two children, then maximum taxable income shall be \$100,000.
 - If family does not meet these requirements, an application may be submitted for consideration under a 'special circumstances' category. Applications based solely upon income criteria will be given priority over special circumstance applications.

- For the purpose of scholarship determination, the 'athletic year' shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th.
- The number of scholarships per sport will not exceed 5% of the total number of participants from the previous year.
Example: If there are 350 participants in baseball per year, the total number of scholarships available to baseball participants shall not exceed 17.
- For those sports offering 'in-season' intramural and travel programs, the scholarships available for that sport will be awarded according to the number of participants in each individual program.
Example: Using the example above, if there are 280 intramural baseball participants and 70 travel baseball participants, a maximum of 14 intramural and 3 travel scholarships will be available.
- Each scholarship shall be equal to the registration fee for each sport, but shall not exceed \$300.
- Each household will be limited to a total of five (5) scholarships per year.

- Scholarships are not transferable and may not be carried over to a future date or sport.
- Scholarship application packets will be available (1) for pickup at the Community Center and the KB Community Foundation or, (2) upon request via e-mail or regular mail.
- The availability of need-based scholarships will be advertised during the 'athletic year' via e-mail distribution and advertisement in the Islander News on or about the following dates: August 1st, October 1st, January 1st, March 1st, and May 1st.
- All scholarship applications must be submitted thirty (30) days before the registration period for each sport begins.
- All scholarship applications must be submitted to office of the Executive Director of the Key Biscayne Community Foundation ("KBCF", pending approval by KBCF).
- The KBCF Director shall (1) redact all identifying information, (2) confirm that the award of 'five (5) scholarship per household/athletic year' limit has

not been met, and then (3) assign a unique, unidentifiable code to each application. Such coding information will be maintained in a secured, locked environment at the KBCF.

- After coding, the anonymous applications will be delivered to the Director of Parks & Recreation.
- The Director of Parks & Recreation shall review each application for accuracy and allocate available scholarships according to the previously identified income stratification. Applications submitted for 'special circumstances' consideration will be reviewed and awarded only after all applications based solely upon income criteria have been awarded.
- After review and approval by the Director of Parks & Recreation, the applications will be returned to the Executive Director of the Key Biscayne Community Foundation so that each applicant can be contacted with the decision made by the Director of Parks & Recreation on behalf of the Village of Key Biscayne.

Volunteer Incentive Program

- Each scholarship shall be equal to the registration fee for each sport, but shall not exceed \$300.
- Scholarships will be available to the following persons and according to the delineated financial guidelines:
 - League Commissioner
 - Award of one (1) 100% registration fee.
 - Division Commissioner
 - Award of one (1) 50% registration fee.
 - Applies to multiple division sports..
 - Head Coach
 - Award of one (1) 50% registration fee.
 - Assistant Coach
 - Award of one (1) 25% registration fee
 - Limit of one assistant coach per team.
 - KBYAAB Board Member
 - Award of one (1) 100% registration fee per household participant per year.

- KBAC Board Member
 - Award of one (1) 100% registration fee per household participant per year.
- Scholarships may be awarded in different categories and are cumulative.

Multiple Sibling Discount Program

- Award a 20% discount to a second sibling, or co-habiting, participant in the same sport at the same time.
- Award a 30% discount to a third and fourth sibling, or co-habiting, participant in the same sport at the same time..

Early Registration Discount Program

- Award a 20% discount for early registration.
- Registration fee is non-refundable.
- Early registration shall end thirty (30) days before each sport's regular registration period begins.

2009-2010 Athletic Schedule

Sport	Registration	Clinics	Regular Season
Tackle Football	5/15 to 7/31	7/15 to 7/31	8/1 to 10/31
Flag Football	8/1 to 8/31	8/15 to 8/31	9/1 to 10/31
Volleyball	8/1 to 8/31	8/15 to 8/31	9/1 to 11/15
Traveling Soccer	8/1 to 8/31	8/15 to 8/31	9/1 to 2/28
Intramural Soccer	8/1 to 10/31	10/15 to 10/31	11/1 to 2/15
Basketball	10/1 to 10/31	10/15 to 10/31	11/1 to 2/15
Baseball/Softball ®	1/15 to 2/14	2/1 to 2/14	2/15 to 5/28
In-Season (T) Baseball	12/1 to 1/15	12/15 to 1/21	1/21 to 5/15

Clinics will be scheduled by the Parks & Recreation Department so they do not conflict with in-season programs
Basketball from 11/1 to 11/15 will take place outside of the community center so as not to conflict with Volleyball