

BTLL Youth Scholarship Program

Overview

The following document provides a proposal for the Bellevue Thunderbird Little League (“BTLL”) Youth Scholarship Program. This new program would allow us to acknowledge youth volunteers who provide significant contributions to Thunderbird and whom exemplify the ideals of BTLL.

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The BTLL Youth Scholarship Program would exist to recognize the contributions of actively enrolled student youth volunteers ages 12 through 22 to BTLL. Youth could contribute to BTLL in many ways including:

- Umpiring BTLL softball and baseball
- Support during opening day and other BTLL events
- Support in evaluations
- Helping our coaches in training events (e.g., winter training)

Criteria for Scholarships

To be eligible for a scholarship from BTLL, youth would need to meet the following criteria:

1. **Actively Enrolled Student in Good Academic Standing:** Scholarship candidates must be enrolled in school and must be in good academic standing at the end of the school year. This would be verified by sharing report cards with player agents.
2. **Contribution to BTLL:** Candidates should take initiative to find opportunities to help BTLL. In most cases, to be considered, youth would need to provide at least 5 hours of volunteer time to BTLL.
3. **Role Model to Others:** Candidates must act as a role model on and off the field, including demonstrating respect for players, coaches, and parents and demonstrating a love of the game to the community.
4. **Registered Volunteers:** Candidates must be registered and cleared as volunteers with BTLL.

Scholarship Award Process and Amounts

At the end of the season marked by the completion of the BTLL tournament, a Board sub-committee (“Scholarship Committee”) made up of the President, Treasurer, Player Agents, and Umpire in Chief would identify youth volunteers who we feel meet the criteria outlined above. Scholarship awards will generally be given based upon the committee’s evaluation of the criteria above and will be commensurate with the contribution to BTLL. However, simply volunteering would not guarantee a scholarship; recipients must meet all the criteria outlined above. The Scholarship Committee will have final say in determining scholarship amounts; however committee members will recuse themselves from any discussions or decisions around familiar relations who may be eligible for a scholarship.

The maximum scholarship award available to any eligible individual in a given year is \$1,000. Each recipient of a scholarship award will be provided with a scholarship certificate, a letter from the BTLL president acknowledging their contributions, and recognition on the BTLL Web site.

Budget

We propose budgeting \$6,000 for the BTLL Youth Scholarship Program for the 2016 season.

Next Steps

- Announcement of the BTLL Youth Scholarship Program via email to all Members and registered volunteers
- Update to BTLL Web site with info on BTLL Youth Scholarship Program