

# **STRONGER TOGETHER**

## **Youth Scholarship Application Guidelines**

**Purpose:** Strengthening the youth and our community through sports and activity is the goal.

**Mission:** The Stronger Together Foundation, a not for profit foundation, that benefits the youth of Mid-Missouri. This foundation will allow children in all sports or camps the opportunity to continue to participate in their sport or camp who without financial assistance would not otherwise be able to participate

**Qualifications:** Any resident in mid-Missouri that is between the ages of 3-18 who meets the family income guidelines listed below and whose parent/guardian fills out and submits the Stronger Together scholarship paperwork. There are deadlines on when scholarship requests are submitted prior to the start of Synergy Sports sessions.

### **Scholarship Requirements:**

- Families must participate in all program fundraisers
- Parents/Guardians are expected to volunteer if asked to help offset the cost of the scholarships at tournaments in the various sports that are offered throughout the year.
- Individuals are required to attend over 80% of the scheduled practices, games. Failure to meet practice expectations or any issues with behavior will result in loss of scholarship for your household.
- Individuals must provide all documentation at the time of the scholarship request and all together prior to all deadlines for registration.
- There will be times that some things are a case-by-case decision based on family hardship.

### **Application Process:**

- 1) Complete the Stronger Together Application. This must be signed by a parent/guardian.
- 2) A copy of qualification (percentage of what is received) for the free and reduced meal program.
- 3) Attach proof of Residency: copy of current driver's license, state-issued identification card, tax bill or voter's registration card.
- 4) 2 current consecutive pay stubs and W-2 form
- 5) A hardship letter if necessary
- 6) Attach the program registration form that you are applying for.
- 7) A Stronger Together representative will contact you in writing within 2 weeks of the scholarship application being turned in to Synergy Sports.
- 8) Scholarship application approval will be based on verification of financial need and availability of scholarship funds.

**Other Important Information:**

- Scholarship amounts are based on total family size and total family income. Families are defined as parent(s)/guardian(s) and dependents all living at the same address.
- Reduced fees will only be granted for programs only. All participants are expected to pay at least 50% of an activity registration/program fee
- Scholarships will be provided on a first come, funding and space available basis.
- All youth athletic programs qualify for scholarship
- Transportation to programs is not provided
- Scholarships cover the activity registration/program fee only, not uniform costs, travel to away tournaments (lodging, food, etc.)

**Confidentiality:** Stronger Together will use the information on the application only to decide if your child qualifies to receive partial scholarship for eligible athletic activities. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Applicants are guaranteed that personal finances will not be discussed outside the Stronger Together Board of Directors. Coaches, instructors or program leaders will not be informed of a participants financial or scholarship status.

**Termination:** Financial assistance to a player/family may be terminated if the financial situation is resolved, funds become unavailable, or if the player is deemed in conflict with the Club/Team requirements for player commitment or behavior.

