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Official Rules for the Gallagher Scholarship

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible to receive scholarship award, student athletes must:

1. Applicant must be a current Senior in High School.
2. Applicant must graduate from High School.
3. Applicant must be accepted and attend an accredited two-year or four-year college/university.
4. Applicant must currently be on the roster of a FC Dallas Youth or FC Dallas Academy team.
5. Applicant must have played and are currently on a FC Dallas roster for the past two years.
6. Applicant must be in good financial standing with FC Dallas.
7. Academic Performance to include grades (transcript) and SAT and/or ACT results.
8. Citizenship, leadership, and community service recommended.
9. Extra-curricular activities recommended.
10. Applicant must write a 500–750-word essay with the following topic:
Essay Prompt: Coaches play a pivotal role in developing young athletes to become better players and people: that's why they're so important within communities across the country. As we look to support your goal, tell us about a coach or mentor who has helped you proceed in life with confidence and some of the core values you've developed both on the field and off.
11. Applicant must provide two letters of recommendation (cannot be from applicant's FC Dallas Coach).
12. Once applications have been reviewed, the committee may select the top 2-3 applicants (boys and girls) for an interview.
13. NCAA does not allow scholarship from outside sources to be based on athletic ability.

Application:

Applications will be accepted from February 8 – March 29, 2024. Only completed applications during this time period will be considered. Student athletes will apply online at <http://www.fcdallas.com/scholarships>.

FC Dallas is not responsible for any incomplete or late applications. Additional information about a student athlete and or documentation may be requested by FC Dallas. To remain eligible, the student athlete, parent, or legal guardian must provide all reasonably requested documentation and information upon FC Dallas' request. All applications and other submitted information become the property of FC Dallas and will not be returned.

Awards:

A \$5,000 award will be given annually to one male and one female graduating high school senior FC Dallas Youth player (Two \$5,000 scholarships). Awards will be granted to athletes based on academic performance, extra-curricular activities, citizenship, leadership, community service, two letters of recommendation, and submission of a 500–750-word essay.

There is a limit of one award per household per year. Taxes on awards of any kind are the sole responsibility of the recipient.

Notification:

Scholarship recipients will be notified in April 2024. Non-recipients will not be notified.

Recipients Claiming Scholarships:

All recipients will be required to sign and return a Publicity Release/Acceptance Form as a condition of receiving a scholarship. Payment of the scholarship award is subject to the recipient enrolling full time in an undergraduate program at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school located in the U.S. (a "Qualifying Institution"). Scholarship awards must be used in their entirety within two years after high school graduation. All scholarship recipients may be subject to a criminal background check.

Scholarship Information:

Scholarship awards must be used for educational expenses at a Qualifying Institution. These expenses may include tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation and other miscellaneous education related expenses. Scholarships will be paid in one installment in August; the check will be payable to the recipient's Qualifying Institution and mailed directly to the Institution.

Awards are one time only and are not renewable. No substitutions or transfers are permitted.

Additional Terms:

By participating, the student athletes agree:

1. To these Official Rules and all decisions of FC Dallas, which shall be final in all respects;
2. To the use of their names, photos, likenesses, video, and/or images in any media, including without limitation on the internet and in social media, for advertising, promotional and publicity purposes in relation to this program without prior written consent or compensation, where legal and subject to a signed Publicity Release/Acceptance Form; and
3. To release, discharge and hold harmless FC Dallas, and their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, sponsors, officers, directors, and employees, from any and all claims or damages arising out of, in any way, their participation in this program.
4. FC Dallas reserves the right to cancel, suspend, or extend the Scott Dymond Scholarship Program at any time, with or without notice. FC Dallas reserves the right to interpret these rules and to make all decisions concerning the award, acceptance, and use of scholarships in situations not covered in these rules.

Questions?

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