

# Marquette Little League Scholarship Program

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## 1. Introduction

Marquette Little League firmly believes that each child who wishes to play baseball should be entitled to do so regardless of skill, gender, or financial circumstances. MLL will make every possible effort to provide the opportunity.

## 2. MLL Scholarship Program

To aid parents who may need assistance with registration fees, Marquette Little League has a scholarship program that covers the following areas:

- Full scholarships that cover all registration fees
- Partial scholarships that cover a portion of the registration fees

## 3. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

Those seeking a scholarship must explain the nature of the hardship and/or provide documentation supporting the request by completing and returning the Marquette Little League Scholarship Application form.

Specifically, to be eligible for a scholarship (full or partial), the following information detailed in the application form must be submitted via email to [mandary@nmu.edu](mailto:mandary@nmu.edu) or via USPS:

Marquette Little League  
P.O. Box 7007  
Marquette, MI 49855

- A detailed explanation of the financial hardship with supporting documentation (a copy of the free/reduced lunch application from the Marquette School District is an acceptable document)
- Medical Release form completed in full (available on league website: <http://marquettelittleleague.net>)
- Proof of Age for child
- Contact information (phone numbers, email, physical address, ...etc) for parent or guardian
- Proof of Residency to ensure the child is eligible and within the MLL Boundaries. Example: utility bills.

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## 4. What Every Parent and/or Guardian Should Know About the Scholarship Process

Before submitting the application to Marquette Little League, parents and/or guardians should be aware of the following:

- The scholarship eligibility requirements – financial hardship being the primary criteria
- The scholarship review period turnaround time (up to ten days)
- Information needs to be complete when submitted
- Contact the Marquette Little League President with questions ([mandary@nmu.edu](mailto:mandary@nmu.edu))

## 5. How to Apply for a Scholarship

The scholarship request process is straightforward. To ensure proper due diligence, every scholarship request is examined and assessed on its own merit.

- a. Once the scholarship form has been submitted, Marquette Little League Scholarship Committee will review the request.
- b. The Scholarship Review Period can take up to ten days to complete
  - o The Scholarship Committee will respond via e-mail with a decision on the scholarship request. If email is not available for the requestor, notifications will come by phone.

## 6. Terms and Conditions

If the scholarship request is approved, the following terms and conditions will apply:

- a. The scholarship covers the registration fees for one season - in all or in part.
- b. Parent or legal guardian agrees to "re-pay" the League through volunteering or fundraising, League functions and activities (for ex, helping with Opening Day, working the snack bar, helping with teams, etc) (each hour volunteered will be the equivalent to \$10.00 credit from their scholarship until the entire amount has been credited.
  1. **EX: Scholarship for \$80.00 - 2 hours field maintenance, 4 hours at the concession stand and 2 hours announcing or keeping score = 8 hours volunteer = \$80.00 in scholarship repayment.**
- c. The player must meet all residence and proof age requirements (all required documents must be verified either on certification day or prior to the skills evaluations - refer to the MLL website for specific dates)
- d. A registration form must be completed for the player - providing essential details including address, contact information and medical authorization

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## 7. Frequently Asked Questions

#	Frequently Asked Questions	Answers
1.	Is the information I provide you kept confidential? If so, how?	Absolutely. All information supplied, and access to it, is limited to the small Scholarship Review Committee (the League President and the Vice Presidents of Baseball and Softball). The information is not shared.
2.	Why was the scholarship program established?	The scholarship program was established to assist families of baseball and/or softball players with financial hardships. For players that meet the eligibility requirements, registration fees for the season in question are paid fully or partially by Marquette Little League.
3.	Once granted, is the scholarship permanent? In other words, is it renewed every year automatically?	Scholarships are neither permanent nor automatically renewed every year. Scholarships expire at the end of each season. Requests for scholarships must be made in each season. Applications must meet the scholarship eligibility requirements
4.	Is there a limit on the number of children in my family that I can request a scholarship for?	No. In financial hardship cases, a scholarship may be requested for each child in your family that wants to play baseball or softball. The Scholarship Committee will examine the needs and make a decision on the scope (full or partial) of the scholarship award(s).
5.	If I asked for and was granted a scholarship this year, is my family eligible for scholarships in the future?	If you have been given a scholarship in the past, that does not prevent future scholarship requests. The circumstances (financial hardships, etc) noted in the request are evaluated with every request (re-evaluated if it is a repeated request). The scholarship eligibility requirements still must be satisfied in all cases.
6.	Is my son or daughter guaranteed a full scholarship?	All scholarships are judged on their own merit. Depending on the circumstances, the scholarship award may be full or it may be partial. The Scholarship Committee will make that determination.
7.	What does the scholarship cover?	Registration fees for baseball and/or softball only.
8.	Who do I contact if I have questions?	Contact the Marquette Little League President with questions.
9.	How long does the review period take?	Up to ten days.
10.	Where should I send the application?	Please email your application to <a href="mailto:mandary@nmu.edu">mandary@nmu.edu</a>
11.	What if I do not have access to email?	You can fill out the application and mail to Marquette Little League, PO Box 7007, Marquette, MI 49855
12.	How much should I apply for?	Please enter "how much can I afford" on the form. The scholarship committee will take all information into consideration when making its decision