

The Bobby Sox Softball 2008 8th Grade Scholarship Program



2008

**Bobby Sox
Softball**



8th Grade

**Scholarship
Application**

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What is the Bobby Sox Scholarship Program?

The Bobby Sox Softball Program has a Scholarship Fund established solely for the benefit of 8th Grade girls who have participated in one, or more Bobby Sox Leagues for a minimum of four seasons.

Who is eligible for the scholarships award?

All 8th Grade girls who have participated in the Bobby Sox program for at least four (4) seasons. The Bobby Sox year consists of two seasons, the spring and the fall. Participation in Mini Sox, Bobby Sox, or American Girl is considered for eligibility. Primarily, the scholarship committee is interested that those girls who made Bobby Sox a part of their lives season after season, to be eligible for consideration for the scholarship awards.

How do girls apply?

Scholarship information and application packages are available on the Bobby Sox Softball Website at <http://bobbysoxsoftball.org>. Each Bobby Sox Administrative Board of Directors should appoint a Bobby Sox Scholarship Counselor to seek Bobby Sox players who now are in their eighth grade of school to allow these girls the opportunity to apply. All Scholarship applications are to be completed and sent to "Scholarship 2008" in care of the National Office of Bobby Sox Softball.

How many scholarships are given each year?

Scholarships are presented to the girls of Bobby Sox each year based on the entries submitted. The exact number and award is determined during the current Spring Season. All qualifying 8th Graders will receive \$50 or \$100 Savings Bond.

How can the League Board Help?

The Bobby Sox League's Administrative Board can facilitate the awarding of scholarship to deserving young ladies by maintaining a list of the 8th Grade Bobby Soxer Players in the League. The League President, League Vice President, or the League Player Agent should make certain that their 8th Graders receive a Bobby Sox Scholarship Application and then assist them with their efforts to apply.

How are 8th Grade recipients chosen?

Applications are reviewed and the preliminary criteria is verified. A total of 100 points may be awarded by the Scholarship Committee. A total of 20 points is awarded for the properly completed application, applicants photo, Bobby Sox recommendations, community leaders recommendations, and school recommendations. A total of 20 points for academic excellence. And a total of 60 points for the scholarship essay as determined by the panel of three Scholarship Committee Members. This criteria includes; application being received by the deadline date (April 5th), verification of four seasons of Bobby Sox participation and for 8th Grade students a grade point average of at least 2.0. Applications include the applicants extracurricular activities, educational achievements, letters of recommendation, and the essay written by each girl.

What is expected in the future?

In future years determined by the annual participation, the Bobby Sox Softball Scholarship Fund will continue to grow. Girls who are active in the program today and who invest each season will certainly benefit from a larger scholarship fund in the near future. Each League Board of Directors will make a concerted effort to keep their League informed of the Scholarship Program and it's benefit to the girls and their families, thereby increasing participation and the awards presented to the girls of Bobby Sox for their future.

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Criteria established for Bobby Sox 8th Graders:

1. Applicants must currently be in the 8th Grade.
2. Applicants must have participated in a Bobby Sox Softball League for a least four (4) seasons. The Bobby Sox and American Girl Divisions have two seasons each year, the Spring/Summer and the Fall/Winter playing seasons.
3. Applicants must have established a cumulative Grade Point Average of no less than 2.0 and have their G.P.A. verified by a administrator at their school.
NOTE: G.P.A. shall be shown using an Official School Transcript.
4. Applicants must arrange for the submission of two (2) recommendations from Bobby Sox Program Adult Volunteers. Such Bobby Sox volunteers may be currently active in the League or formerly actively involved with a Bobby Sox Softball League.
5. Applicants must arrange for the submission of one (1) recommendation from either a teacher, counselor, or other administrator at their school.
6. Applicants must arrange for the submission of one (1) recommendation from a community leader. This could include such persons as leaders in their church, a Girl Scout leader, or any of many other Nationally known youth organizations to which the applicant has belonged.
7. Applicants must have participated in some form of extracurricular activity during, their Middle School years, and will include a verified list of these activities. School approved extracurricular activities are very acceptable, such a Drama Club, Student Government, or any of many other school endorsed and approved activities. These activities must be verified by a school administrative official to be considered valid.

How Scholarship Recipients will be determined:

1. All scholarship applications will be sent by the applicant to the National Office of Bobby Sox Softball. The National Office staff will screen all applications to verify that all the established criteria has been met. Any discrepancy involving the number of seasons of Bobby Sox participation can be verified by the applicant through letters of verification from no less than five (5) Bobby Sox League adult volunteers who can attest to participation.
2. Applicants are responsible for insuring that the required recommendations forms are sent directly to the National Office of Bobby Sox Softball. Applicants should provide stamped, Bobby Sox addressed envelopes to those individuals from whom recommendations are sought. All items should be sent to the attention of "Bobby Sox Scholarship". Any recommendations submitted by the applicant or included with the applicant's scholarship package are unacceptable.
3. Applicants will be notified by the National Office of Bobby Sox Softball if there are items missing, so that the applicant can take appropriate action to complete the requirements as stated in the list of scholarship criteria.
4. Following the initial screening of criteria by the National Office, all verified applications will be submitted to the Bobby Sox Scholarship Selection Committee which will study each application and determine the ultimate scholarship recipients.

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Student Application

Section One

Please study the criteria established for this gift. If you meet these requirements, carefully complete the Student Application Package. The formal Application, including applicant's photograph, Applicant Essay, Recommendations, list of Extracurricular Activities, copy of most recent 8th Grade transcript, and verification of your most recent cumulative grade point average, must be submitted, no later than April 5th. Applications received after April 5th of the current year, or incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Bobby Sox Softball
Attention: Scholarship
P.O. Box 5880
Buena Park, Ca. 90622-5880**

Applicant's Name		Date of Birth	
Street Address			
City		State Zip Code	
Area Code/Phone		Social Security Number	
Applicant's Current School		Counselors Name	
Address	City	State Zip Code	
Area Code	Phone		
High School Planning to Attend:			
Favorite Subject in School:			
Choice of Career:			
Close Friends Made Playing Bobby Sox:			
Bobby Sox League(s) participated in (if more than one list all):			
Year(s):			
Seasons:			
Divisions:			

NOTICE: Please attach photo suitable for publication to this page.

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Applicant's Essay

Section Two

To give us an idea of how well you express yourself and what your thoughts are regarding your involvement with the Bobby Sox Softball Program. Each applicant shall write an essay on the topic "The Value of Participation in Bobby Sox Softball." The essay should be written by the applicant, with no outside help or influence. Please type if possible, and limit to one and one half pages. You may consider the following points while formulating your thoughts:

1. Why I enjoyed participating in Bobby Sox Softball.
2. How did participation help me to achieve certain personal goals.
3. Were there important lessons learned through participation in Bobby Sox.
4. How has Bobby Sox helped my academics.
5. Has being in Bobby Sox made me a better person.

*Attach your essay on "The Value of Participation in Bobby Sox" to your application form.

Recommendations

Section Three

1. Two (2) from your local Bobby Sox Softball League - adult volunteers.
2. One (1) from either a teacher, counselor, or other administrator of your school.
3. One (1) from a community leader, such as a leader in your church, Girl Scout or Camp Fire Girls leader, or any of many youth organizations which you now belong, or have participated in previously.

Persons making recommendations of the applicant must submit them in writing on the Student Recommendation form directly to Bobby Sox Softball National Headquarters. The forms for these references are included in this application package. Since the submittal of recommendations is the responsibility of the applicant, it is suggested that an envelope be provided to each submitter addressed to: Bobby Sox Softball, Attention Scholarship, P.O. Box 5880, Buena Park, CA 90622-5880. Recommendations should not be given directly to the applicant. All recommendations must be received at Bobby Sox Softball no later than April 5th, of the current year.

Extracurricular Activities

Section Four

Please attach a list of all approved extracurricular activities in which you have taken part during your Middle school years. This listing should indicate the name of the organization, or group. The year in which you participated, and a brief summary of the purpose of that organization. A signature of a school official attesting to your participation is required. Include with this listing any or all awards, honors or certificates of recognition you have received during your participation. If the activities are not verified, they will not be considered.

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Bobby Sox Softball 8th Grade Scholarship Student Recommendation

This form to be completed by a Bobby Sox Adult Volunteer.

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Please do not return this form to the applicant - send it directly to:

Bobby Sox Softball, Attention Scholarship, P.O. Box 5880, Buena Park, CA 90622-5880.

What is your position in the Bobby Sox League: _____

How long have you known the applicant: _____.

Did the applicant perform to the best of her ability?

Performance: Good Excellent Outstanding.

Was the applicant well thought of by her peers within the organization?

Personality: Good Excellent Outstanding

How did the applicant demonstrate herself in:

Integrity: Good Excellent Outstanding

Honesty: Good Excellent Outstanding

How would you rate the applicant's Bobby Sox "four-ships":

Citizenship: Good Excellent Outstanding

Friendship: Good Excellent Outstanding

Leadership: Good Excellent Outstanding

Sportsmanship: Good Excellent Outstanding

Does the applicant show a willingness to put the best interest of her peers within the organization above her own:

YES NO

Does the applicant conduct herself in a mature fashion when confronted with difficulty:

YES NO

Does the applicant possess any special qualities that the Scholarship Committee should be aware of? If so please briefly describe below: (Will accept attached letter of recommendation)

Your Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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This form to be completed by a Community Leader.

Applicant's Name: _____

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