

**ANNE ARUNDEL YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
ARUNDEL CUP SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION 2026**

V. Instructions: Respond in detail to one of the following questions. Include the question at the top of your essay. Entries must be typed with a one-inch margin on all sides of the page and double-spaced using a clear, legible, font. There are no minimum or maximum word requirements.

Question 1: Sportsmanship is an important factor in competition. What has your experience in youth soccer taught you about the value of sportsmanship? How will this help you be more successful pursuing your goals?

Question 2: What life lessons have you learned as a result of your participation in youth soccer? Of these lessons, which would you most like to pass on to the next generation of youth players and why?

Question 3: How has youth soccer made you a better person? Please elaborate and use specific examples to illustrate your point(s).

VI. Evaluation Criteria: All essays are judged on five factors:

- 1) Grammar: The proper use of language, wording, spelling and punctuation to create well-formed sentences and paragraphs;
- 2) Structure: The organization of your theme and supporting ideas and their logical flow from one point to the next;
- 3) Style: How your voice and personality come through in your writing;
- 4) Clarity: The ability to communicate ideas effectively without ambiguity or confusion. It involves using plain language and avoiding jargon that might be unfamiliar to the reader.
- 5) Topic: The focus and development of your central theme and how well each point reflects back on that theme.

VII. Submission Instructions: Email this completed form, your essay and school transcripts to: AAYSA Scholarship Coordinator Alex Knoll
jalexknoll@gmail.com, Subject Line: "AAYSA Scholarship Application"

Entries received after the May 15, 2026, deadline will not be considered. Entries that do not meet the application criteria or essay requirements will be disqualified. Please read instructions carefully.

Each year, Anne Arundel Soccer Association awards up to \$15,000 in scholarships to high school seniors who plan to continue their education through an undergraduate degree program or certification from an accredited college, university, or technical school. These scholarships are funded by the entry fees of the Arundel Cup Soccer Tournament, played in the fall each year.