

## LUTZ CHIEFS SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Need-based scholarships are available to all Lutz Chiefs youth football players, cheerleaders and their families for financial assistance with the fee(s) charged by Lutz Chiefs.

The scholarship award can only be applied to Lutz Chiefs registration fees. **The cost of additional uniforms, volunteer fees, tournament fees, etc, will not be covered.**

Full or partial scholarships may be awarded. Full scholarships may only be awarded to returning athletes or their siblings that have played with the Lutz Chiefs within the last calendar year. New athletes shall be required to pay a minimum of \$100 (football) or \$150 (cheer). **Scholarships awarded are a one (1) time event and no future guarantee or consideration is implied or should be expected. Players and their families may apply for a scholarship every season.**

The number of scholarships awarded will depend on the number and amount of scholarship grants and sponsorships received by Lutz Chiefs and the club budget. **You will be requested to complete additional volunteer hours as part of the scholarship award - (1 hour per every \$ 25.00 received in scholarship funding).** Failure to meet Volunteer hours will result in future scholarship ineligibility.

The completion/submission of this form in a timely fashion and approval by the Lutz Chiefs Financial Assistance Committee is the **only** method that registration fees can be reduced or waived. **DO NOT** rely upon verbal contracts or other communications/ agreements/representations by coaches, team managers, other team personnel, Lutz Chiefs staff or Lutz Chiefs Board members.

The information provided in this application must be true, complete and factual to the very best of one's ability and knowledge. Inaccurate information will result in disqualification for one (1) calendar year.

### **APPLICATION & AWARD PROCESS:**

Read all instructions and fully complete the application below. NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please send your completed application to [president@lutzchiefs.org](mailto:president@lutzchiefs.org) or provide paper copies to Tim Davis during any practice.

Once received, you will be contacted for an in-person interview. Please bring evidence of financial need to this interview (tax returns, public aid, reduced lunch, etc.) and be prepared to discuss the options for your situation. Do not send us your personal financial information. The Lutz Chiefs Financial Assistance Committee will review your application and determine if a scholarship will be awarded. You will receive a reply from the committee regardless of the outcome of their decision.

### **AWARD CRITERIA:**

This is primarily a need-based scholarship. However, once need is verified, other factors may be taken into consideration by the Lutz Chiefs Financial Assistance Committee to choose which needful players will receive awards and the amount of the award. These factors may include but are not limited to: former participation in Lutz Chiefs or other clubs as a player, coach, administrator; former or current coach recommendation or request; active duty military service status; location; athlete age. The decisions of the Lutz Chiefs Financial Assistance Committee are final and cannot be appealed or contested.

Please note that all information provided and/or discussed will be kept confidential. Materials submitted will not be returned.

CONFIDENTIAL  
**Lutz Chiefs Scholarship Application**

Instructions: The following application is to be used by members of Lutz Chiefs to ask for financial assistance with the fee(s) charged by Lutz Chiefs to a player or their family. Please read all instructions carefully and return the **fully completed and signed application** in accordance with the Scholarship Policy. You will receive a reply from the committee regardless of the outcome of their decision.

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

Football/Cheer \_\_\_\_\_ Team/Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (including city, state & zip code)

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Current e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all financial hardships that apply (bring evidence to interview)

- Income < \$20,000 / year
- Income < \$80,000 / year
- Public Aid (food stamps)
- Medicaid
- Reduced Lunch
- Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Please read and initial each of the following statements:

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that by requesting financial scholarship consideration from Lutz Chiefs the information provided and/or discussed will be kept confidential by Lutz Chiefs.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that any award is a one (1) time event and no future guarantee or consideration is implied or expected.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the scholarship award can only be applied to Lutz Chiefs fees. No tournaments, additional training, travel, volunteer fees, etc will be covered.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the information I provide for consideration, either verbal or written, must be true, complete and factual to the very best of my ability and knowledge or I will be disqualified from receiving any assistance and applying for assistance for one calendar year.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the award of a scholarship is an investment by the Lutz Chiefs in my family and will be used as a factor in any future organization decisions, including requests for transfer to another FYD team.

**Lutz Chiefs Scholarship Application (continued)**

Player Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Assistance Request**

Total Registration Fees for Family: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Assistance Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**The following information must be brought to the interview:**

1. Evidence of financial hardship (from previous section)
2. Evidence of extraordinary effort in support of the organization
3. Personal fund-raising plans – if any.
4. Other sponsorship opportunities - please list sponsor name and projected dollar amount.

Often times our scholarships do NOT cover the entire registration fees and does NOT cover any additional fees such as cost of uniform, volunteer fees, competition fees, practice gear, shoes, etc.. Please check with Football Director regarding additional football costs and the Cheer Director regarding additional cheerleading costs.

Any fees not covered by the Financial Assistance offered shall be paid in full in accordance with team and league policies by cash, check, or credit / debit card.

**Please Note:**

- Additional information may be requested.
- Documents/copies submitted with this application will **not** be returned.
- **Incomplete and/or late applications will NOT be considered.**

**Parent's Signature**

- I acknowledge that I have, to the best of my knowledge, accurately answered all questions on this application. Further:
- I authorize Lutz Chiefs, or its agents, to take whatever action it deems necessary to confirm the information herein.
- I agree to all terms and conditions set forth in this application by Lutz Chiefs.

The completion of this application and approval by the Lutz Chiefs Financial Assistance Committee is the only method that registration fees can be reduced or paid in full later than March 1 (Spring) or August 1 (Fall).

**Do not rely on verbal contracts or other communications/agreements/representations by coaches, team managers, or other Lutz Chiefs representatives.**

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Signature of person applying (must be at least 18 years of age)

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Date