

John S Simmonds Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established to commemorate the passing of John Scott Simmonds. John was a soccer coach who served Dalhousie Soccer (DCA), NorthStar Soccer (CMSA), and Northside Soccer (CWSA) for 21 years, from 1993 to 2014.

John Simmonds was definitely a player's coach. He treated all players with respect. It was quite obvious he placed paramount importance on their enjoyment of the game and each other as a team while also guiding their development as players and as people. His enthusiasm for the game, the players, the team, and the community was amazing and contagious. His hard work and commitment never wavered, regardless of how things were going and he held a belief all of his players and teams could successfully raise themselves to the next challenge.

For these reasons, the soccer community decided to establish and dedicate a scholarship in his name to be awarded annually to Northside Soccer Club U18 players.

Eligibility

This scholarship is available on an annual basis to a BU18 and a GU18 soccer player in Northside Soccer Club at the end of the outdoor soccer season as selected by an appointed committee. The applicants will be in their final year of CMSA eligibility and attending post-secondary school in the fall/winter following the outdoor season.

Criteria

- Exhibit dedication to the sport and sportsmanship.
- Be a positive role model for their peers.
- Demonstrate commitment to the team.
- Foster team unity and support their teammates.
- Willing to take on past and/or present additional soccer or community volunteer responsibilities (eg. assistant coach for younger teams, soccer refereeing, etc).

Selection Process

A scholarship committee comprised of past and present members (min 3 – max 5) involved in Northside Soccer Club (including a board/executive official) will review all applications submitted on or before August 15. Carol Simmonds will be notified of the recipients prior to a formal announcement by September 1.

The Scholarship

- The scholarship shall be a cash payment of \$400 (2017) to successful applicants, one male and one female, as selected by the scholarship committee.
- Scholarships shall be awarded on an annual basis until the scholarship funds are exhausted.

Application process

An application form will be sent out in late July. Team officials (head coach, assistant coach(s) and team manager) from each U18 team in the Northside Soccer Club will confer and nominate one (1) player from their respective team.

Application deadline is August 15, 2017.

We look forward to hearing from your team!

Doug Hollies

Chairman of the JSS Scholarship Selection Committee