Policy Number: 9401 High School Senior Scholarship Program

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PURPOSE:
This policy describes the requirements for awarding scholarships to high school seniors to an accredited institute of higher learning.

BACKGROUND:
St. Jane Soccer Association will award two (2) college scholarships, at a minimum amount of $500, to two (2) graduating high school seniors. St. Jane Soccer will generally award these scholarships to one (1) female and one (1) male applicant. The Association seeks to award seniors who have demonstrated abilities and traits to become well-qualified additions to the community. To some degree, the applicant's promotion to the game of soccer is also considered. Local high schools, churches and the media are to be notified in writing by the first week of January each year to insure proper notification to potential applicants of the scholarship program. No consideration is offered due to the financial needs of the applicants.

The board of directors implements the criteria to determine the honorees and announce the recipients as specified in the scholarship program packet. Selections must be approved by the majority of the board and males and females will be evaluated separately for consistency in the rating process.

The board reserves the right to temporarily discontinue this policy due to the lack of treasury funds. Discontinuance must occur and be approved prior to annual budget submission to the general membership. Cancellation of this policy must be approved by two-thirds of the general membership. Any non-allocated funds shall be dispersed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

CONSIDERATION REQUIREMENTS:
The applicants to be considered for the scholarship program must:

1. be a high school senior and plan to graduate at the end of the current school year.

2. have been a validly registered member of the St. Jane Soccer Association.

3. submit two letters of recommendations from non-relatives, one school activity related and the other community activity related.

4. submit a completed and signed application to be posted marked by the date specified in the program packet and mailed to the Association's PO Box.

5. submit a copy of their most recent high school transcripts (six semesters plus CEEB scores).

SELECTION CRITERIA:

All documents will be reviewed individually by each board regardless of the applicant's race, color, or creed. Categories for evaluation will be assigned as follows and given the weighted value specified to the category's right.

1. Community Services	6
2. Promotion to the game of soccer	5
3. School related activities	4
4. Rating of high school transcripts	3
5. St. Jane Soccer participation	2
6. Letter of recommendation (Community)	1
7. Letter of recommendation (School)	1

The degree of participation and leadership of each category will be assigned a rating value from zero (0) through four (4). One indicates no participation while four indicates a high degree of participation and leadership qualities. The assessment total for each applicant is calculated by multiplying the category weighted value by the participation rating assigned for each category and totaling the results.

The highest to lowest assessment total derived (male and female) by each board member is presented to the board's president for tallying. The male and female recipient are determined individually by the selection of the majority of the board members. If a majority cannot be reached to select an applicant, an open discussion of the candidates' attributes is performed, followed by the voting process. This procedure is performed until a applicant is selected by the majority.

A Board member is selected to verify the accuracy of the selected applicants to receive the scholarship. If inconsistencies are found, they are reported to the Board for appropriate action. If the Board, based on its decision, disqualifies an applicant for inconsistencies, an applicant with the next highest point total is placed under consideration.

However, the board reserves the right (by majority) not to award a scholarship to any and all applicants, if the board feels that none of the applicants are deserving and have not demonstrated the qualities the board seeks to honor.

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION:

The two recipients will be honored with a citation announcing their selection to receive the award. Scholarship moneys will be distributed to recipients only upon verification of enrollment into an accredited institute of higher learning. The recipients are free to select the institute of their choice but must be enrolled in the Fall semester after being honored. The board will review and approve the verification process (usually an invoice of enrollment) before any moneys are distributed.