



Smithfield Little League 2020 College or Trade School Scholarship

February 2020

Dear Former Smithfield Little League Player:

Congratulations on reaching a milestone in your academic journey!

Smithfield Little League (SLL) is proud to once again offer scholarships to former players who embody the ideals and values of the league. One-year scholarships will be awarded to eligible individuals to assist with college tuition or fees associated with the first year of trade school instruction.

In regard to eligibility for a SLL Scholarship, it is important to note that years of play is not the only criteria that is considered. The league believes that an applicant's' service to the league should be considered equally with playing time. Service could include the number of years as an umpire, serving as a "Challenger Buddy", helping to coach a team or attending games in support of the players or other efforts in support of youth baseball in Smithfield.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for a scholarship:

- Minimum of five **seasons** of play in Smithfield Little League
- Service to the league other than play (i.e. Umpire, Challenger Division volunteer, coach)
- Acceptance to an accredited college, university or trade school.

Please complete the enclosed application and mail **no later than April 6, 2020** to the address located at the bottom of the application. All applications must include the following:

- Complete, and signed, application
- Character reference or letter of recommendation
- 500-word (maximum) essay
- Acceptance letter to an accredited college, university or trade school

If you choose, you can also complete this application online via the Smithfield Little League website. However, the letter of recommendation and college acceptance letter *must still be submitted by mail*.

A committee comprised of current and/or former members of the SLL Board of Directors will review all applications. Those selected for a scholarship award will be notified Honors Night in June of this year. Congratulations once again on your upcoming high school graduation and best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Stan Dorsey
Chair, Smithfield Little League Scholarship Committee
standorsey@gmail.com

Please include with your scholarship application a brief, 500-word essay sharing the impact of Little League Baseball on your personal and academic development.

2020 Smithfield Little League Scholarship Application Checklist:

- Completed Application
- Acceptance letter to an accredited college, university or trade school
- 500-Word Essay
- Character Reference/ Letter of Recommendation

** If awarded a scholarship, Smithfield Little League will “tag” you in congratulatory posts on the league’s social media channels. The league will not review, nor monitor, applicants’ social media activity. For the purposes of transparency, the league will also issue to local media and post to its website and social media channels, a press release announcing the names of those selected for a scholarship.*

By signing below, you attest that the information provided in this application is accurate and provide permission to Smithfield Little League to use your name in public announcements.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

**All applications must be postmarked no later than April 6, 2020;
late or incomplete applications cannot be considered.**

Applying for a scholarship does not guarantee a scholarship award.

Please mail completed application package to
Stanley Dorsey, 278 Stillwater Rd., Smithfield, RI 02917.