

Cape Express Soccer Club George Pratt Memorial Scholarship Program

Purpose:

In 1993, the Cape Express Soccer Club held the first George Pratt Memorial Columbus Day Tournament. George was a coach and parent that tragically passed away leaving his wife Marie with a family to raise. At that time, the club made the commitment to assist the Pratt family with the cost of their children's education and the tournament was started to assist in this manner. 2007 saw the last of the Pratt children through college.

The club has since decided to continue this tradition by establishing the George Pratt Memorial Scholarship fund in continuing memory of George. The scholarship(s) to applicant(s) will be awarded based on academic achievement, school activities, participation in CESC and participation in sports and community service. Applicants will not be selected solely because of their soccer ability or achievements in soccer but rather on the basis of all around general achievements while also being a soccer player at the High School or Varsity Club level.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, a student must meet the following criteria:

- High school senior playing high school or club soccer their senior year.
- Cape Express player or former player that participated in the CESC program for at least three years, U11 and older.
- Planning to continue their education beyond high school at an accredited College or University subject to the approval of the CESC Board.

Scholarship:

The minimum scholarship award per student is \$500. The maximum total amount of scholarships awarded by the club for any graduating class is \$4,000. The specific number and total amount of scholarships awarded will be determined by the CESC Board of Directors on a yearly basis and can be based on the quantity and quality of applicants and the availability of funds. The CESC reserves the right to not award scholarships for any given year as it deems fit.

Application:

Applications are made in the Fall/Winter of the student's senior year. The application is posted on the Cape Express Soccer Club website, www.capeexpress.com. Applications must be completed and submitted to the Board Secretary by December 31 of the applicant's senior year of high school.

Award:

A three-person panel comprised of community members not directly affiliated with CESC (no current Board, Coaches, Trainers or parents of current players) will review the applications and make recommendations to the Board for award of scholarship. Names of applicants will be withheld from both the outside panel and the Board until after award decisions have been made. The Scholarships will be presented to the recipients at the Cape Express Winter Banquet in mid-February.

Receipt:

The recipient of scholarship must provide proof of actual registration to an accredited college or university for the first AWARD semester or equivalent in order for payment to receive the funds. The scholarship check will be made payable jointly to the recipient and their parent/guardian.

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George Pratt Memorial
Scholarship Application**

Personal Information:

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

For CESC use only, applicant please do not write below this line.

Date application received _____

High School Senior _____

High School Soccer Player _____

Three-year requirement _____

Application number _____

Application Number _____ (for CESC use)

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High School Information:

Name of High School:

Class Rank: _____ Out of: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Out of: _____

Academic Honors:

Planned Area of Study/Major:

School(s) you will be or are hoping to attend:

Activities/Organizations:

Other Scholastic Honors:

Application Number _____ (for CESC use)

Cape Express Soccer Club Experience:

Team Name(s):

Years Played From: _____ To: _____

Coach(s): _____

Other Club Soccer Experience:

Team Name(s):

Years Played From: _____ To: _____

Coach(s): _____

Club Soccer Achievements/Service:

High School Soccer Achievements/Service:

Other Sports and Athletic Achievements/Service:

Application Number _____ (for CESC use)

Community Service Information:

Additional Information:

- Please prepare a short essay, one page maximum, describing what you have done to enhance and work with the Cape Express Soccer Program and/or local recreational program. Attach the essay to this application.
- Feel free to include any other information or attachments which you think will enhance your application.
- Submit 3 letters of recommendation - only one can be from a coach. Do not use family members. Enclose the letters with this application.

Submit the completed application no later than December 31 to the Cape Express Board Secretary, contact information can be found on the CESC website, www.capeexpress.com. Any questions regarding the application/process should be directed to the CESC Board Secretary.