



## WILLIAM J. “BILLY” GOAZIOU SCHOLARSHIPS

### *Honoring Billy Goaziou*

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William J. “Billy” Goaziou was involved in soccer as a coach and an administrator for more than 25 years. He served as treasurer of US Youth Soccer and the Florida Youth Soccer Association, as well as chairman of the US Youth Soccer Budget and Olympic Development Program Committees. Bill also took office as U.S. Soccer Federation’s Treasurer in 1994, and was re-elected three times (in 1998, 2000 and 2004). Beyond the soccer world, Goaziou served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps.

In 2006, US Youth Soccer renamed the 14-and-Under Boys US Youth Soccer National Championship Cup in honor of Billy Goaziou. To further honor Billy, the US Youth Soccer Foundation has established scholarships in his memory for all that he has done for US Youth Soccer and soccer in the United States.

In 2025, the US Youth Soccer Foundation will award two, one-year William J. “Billy” Goaziou scholarships of \$1,500 each, one to a male student and one to a female student planning to attend a postsecondary educational institution (PSEI) beginning in the fall of 2025, and has not previously been admitted as a student of any postsecondary educational institution (PSEI). The basis for awarding of the scholarships will be **community service** and **giving back to the game**. Participation in soccer at the collegiate level is not a prerequisite. Scholarships will be paid directly to the PSEI.

#### **Eligibility**

- Seniors in high school when the application is submitted. Those students who are currently enrolled in a PSEI (or the equivalent) as a senior in high school will not be excluded from consideration.
- Participation (as a player) in a US Youth Soccer program during the applicant’s junior or senior year.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in a college prep curriculum.
- Demonstrate active service to his or her community and a strong desire to give back to the game of soccer.

#### **Application Procedure**

An applicant must include the following:

1. A completed application
2. A high school transcript through the last semester completed prior to April 7, 2025; a personal, typed essay (500 words or less) describing how soccer has personally affected your life or the development of your character
3. A maximum of two letters of recommendation from the following: teacher, principal, coach, counselor, or community leader. A phone number and email address of the person(s) completing the letters of recommendation should be included in the letter(s).

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **Friday, May 9, 2025**. All materials submitted with the application will not be returned. Scholarship recipients will be notified by e-mail on or before May 16, 2025, and will be publicly announced upon acceptance.



## WILLIAM J. "BILLY" GOAZIOU SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION

Postsecondary Scholarship for which you are applying:

☐ Female ☐ Male

This is a protected document. Responses should be typed in each of the grey fields below (not hand written). To type in each grey field, simply tab through or double click on each field.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to play soccer at the College or PSEI? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name and address of College or PSEI you plan to attend:

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**Soccer Experience** (club team, high school team, US Youth Soccer state/regional programs, number of years played, honors/awards, leadership. Use separate sheet if needed)

**High School and Community Activities** (*clubs, after-school activities, community service activities. Use separate sheet if needed*)

**Academic Honors or Awards** (*Use separate sheet as necessary*)

The application, personal essay, letter(s) of recommendation, and transcript must be complete and **sent by May 9, 2025** in *only* one of two formats:

- 1) Postmarked to the following address:

**US Youth Soccer Foundation  
C/O William J. “Billy” Goaziou Scholarships  
9220 World Cup Way  
Frisco, Texas 75033**

- 2) Emailed to Ethan Unger at [eunger@usyouthsoccer.org](mailto:eunger@usyouthsoccer.org), with **William J. “Billy” Goaziou Scholarships** in the subject line of the email.