



William J. “Billy” Goaziou Scholarship

About the Award:

William J. “Billy” Goaziou was involved in soccer as a coach and administrator for more than 25 years. He served as Treasurer of both US Youth Soccer and the Florida Youth Soccer Association, as well as Chairman of the US Youth Soccer Budget and Olympic Development Program Committees. Goaziou also took office as U.S. Soccer Federation’s Treasurer in 1994 and was re-elected three times. 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 him, the US Youth Soccer Foundation has established a scholarship in his memory for all that he has done for US Youth Soccer and soccer in the United States.

In 2026, the US Youth Soccer Foundation will award two, one-year William J. “Billy” Goaziou scholarships of \$1,500.00 each to one male and one female student attending a postsecondary educational institution (PSEI) beginning in the Fall of 2026. The basis for awarding the scholarship 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:

- Applicants must have graduated from high school in 2026.
- Applicants must not have previously been admitted as a student of any PSEI.
- 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.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **November 13, 2026**. Recipients will be notified by email on or before **December 4, 2026**, and will be publicly announced upon acceptance.



William J. “Billy” Goaziou Scholarship Application Form

An applicant must include the following:

- 1) A completed application.
- 2) A high school transcript through the last semester and 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).

All applications – including accompanying materials – must be complete and sent by November 13, 2026. Please email your applications to US Youth Soccer at communications@usyouthsoccer.org. If you would prefer to submit an application via our digital form, visit [here](#).

Scholarship for which you are applying:

☐ Male ☐ Female

Name:

Address:

City/State:

Zip Code:

Parent/Guardian Name:

High School:

High School Grade Point Average:

Address of High School:

Please include the name and address of the PSEI you are attending:

Soccer Experience:

(Please list any club teams, high school teams, or US Youth Soccer programs and the number of years played, honors/awards received, or leadership.)

High School and Community Activities:

(Please list any clubs, after-school activities, or community service activities).

Academic Honors or Awards:

Please use any additional pages as necessary.