



## Stevenson Memorial Scholarship Program and Guidelines

Through the funding of various grants, donations, endowment, and fundraisers we are pleased to offer scholarships to Jackson County youth for the sole purpose of tennis instruction, tournaments and/or tennis gear.

Stevenson Memorial Foundation is a 501(c) 3 funded organization. Our mission is to provide quality, affordable tennis instruction to children, giving youth the opportunity to learn and play the lifetime sport of tennis.

Tennis teaches important life skills including responsibility, discipline, and good sportsmanship. Stevenson Memorial Foundation is committed to providing tennis to instill these attributes to area youth regardless of economic, social or ethnic background.

### **Funding Guidelines & Criteria**

- Candidates ages 18 & under, who reside in Jackson County, Oregon.
- Candidate who through financial means, has none or limited opportunity to participate in a tennis program.
- Based on the financial need, a scholarship may be granted toward tennis lessons (ATFC), tournaments (UTR/USTA) and or gear.
- Applications must be completed by the Parent or Guardian of the candidate.
- All scholarship applications will be considered confidential.
- Stevenson Memorial Foundation reserves the right not to consider incomplete applications.

### **Options for scholarships**

- Entry fees for UTR tournaments up to 10 tournaments (\$600)
- Entry fees for USTA tournaments up to 10 tournaments (\$900)
- Tennis Gear including racquets, string, shoes up to \$700
- Fees for Group lessons at Ashland Tennis and Fitness up to \$650 (recipient matches 50%)
- Fee for Private lessons at Ashland Tennis and Fitness up to \$800 (recipient matches 50%)
- Court fees and or use of ball machine up to \$250
- Summer tennis camps at Hunter Park through Parks and Recreation Dept up to \$200

### **Frequently Asked Questions about Income Verification**

#### **1) WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?**

You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do NOT include them.

#### **2) WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?**

List the amount you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down the you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime include it but do not include if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

### 3) MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HIS/HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?

No, if the combat pay is received in addition to his/her basic pay because of his/her deployment and it wasn't received before he/she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income.

#### Scholarship Recipient Responsibilities

- Scholarship recipients are expected to maintain high standards of sportsmanship and character. Recipients are also expected to represent the sport of tennis by maintaining an outstanding reputation in both school and community. Failure to maintain this expected behavior level may be cause for a scholarship to be revoked.
- In order to register for group/private lessons; recipient/parent will call the Ashland Tennis and Fitness club and preregister for any group classes on the **Saturday** prior weekly. Recipients will need to note which class they are attending and which days. The scholarship will cover/match 50 % of the fees during the "year" of the scholarship.
- Class attendance is important. Failure to attend a registered class without notification to the Ashland Tennis & Fitness office may cause a scholarship to be revoked and jeopardize future scholarship opportunities. If you cannot attend a class, recipients need to notify Ashland Tennis and Fitness club **24 hours prior; if done so, that account will be credited and a new class can be issued.**
- If the recipient is awarded gear/tournament funds, the recipient will provide receipt of purchase to the foundation in exchange the foundation will issue a check to the recipient within 30 days.
- Recipient/parent must provide credit card information to ATFC to have an account on file; this account will be used to track group/private lessons and court fees during the duration of the scholarship. Once the funds are exhausted; recipients will be billed accordingly.
- Recipients can apply yearly for the scholarship.
- Update/follow-up letter updating the Stevenson Memorial Foundation on the progress of the recipient's game and what the scholarship has meant to them.