



Newberry *BLOCK* Sports Scholarships – Frequently Asked Questions

We believe that no child should be left on the side lines and all should be given the opportunity to experience the positive benefits of organized sport. Newberry's BLOCK provides support to children to remove financial barriers that prevent them from playing organized sports.

- Newberry's BLOCK provides sports scholarships to children from families facing financial barriers so they can participate in registered sport programs.
- Newberry's BLOCK supports programs that provide the child with a sustained sport experience led by qualified instructors.

Who is eligible to receive a Newberry's BLOCK Grant?

- Children aged 18 and under are eligible to apply for a grant.
- Newberry's BLOCK considers the social and economic barriers facing the family when determining eligibility.
- Families that are currently unemployed, of low income, or receiving income support are considered.
- Scholarships are allocated for sport registration fees and equipment deemed by Newberry's BLOCK as necessary for safe play.
- Scholarships are NOT allocated for the following:
 - Travel expenses to/from practices or competitions
 - Down-payments or deposits on equipment
 - Sport program fundraising requirements
 - Down-payments or deposits on parent/volunteer hours
- Scholarship recipients must submit a new application request if selected to participate in post season honors, playoff games, all-star competitions, or similar events after the regular season.

When is the deadline to apply?

- It's best to submit your application to Newberry's BLOCK as soon as you register your child in the sport program.
- Programs that are full or past the registration deadline are not eligible for funding.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the Newberry's BLOCK application form (fill in all sections) and verify your financial situation in accordance with the application instructions.
2. Register your child in the sports program at the same time you apply for Newberry's BLOCK support. Notify the sport organization that you are requesting scholarship funds through Newberry's BLOCK.
3. Email (newberrysblock@yahoo.com) or mail (PO Box 412, Brentwood CA 94513) your completed Newberry's BLOCK application and a copy of the sports registration.
4. Application is reviewed by Newberry's BLOCK within 30 days of receipt.
5. In addition to the application form, Newberry's BLOCK review may include an in-person or phone interview with the applicant, parent/guardian, and/or endorser. This review may also include the applicant's school report card and/or school attendance record.
6. Newberry's BLOCK will notify the applicant and family of possible scholarship decision in writing within 10 days of its decision.



NEWBERRY'S BLOCK APPLICATION FORM

(Please Print)

Today's date: _____ Tracking number (office use): _____

SECTION 1: PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

The parent/guardian will act as the contact person for the child and will receive correspondence.

Last name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Relationship to child (circle one)
Parent / Guardian / Other

Street address: _____ Primary phone no.: _____ Cell phone no.: _____
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City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____ Email address: _____

Family Composition # of children in home (18 & younger) _____ # of adults in the home (over 18): _____

If married or common-law, please include both partners income when indicating total household income in section 4:

Single parent (guardian) Dual parent (guardians) Other

SECTION 2: CHILD PROFILE

Last name: _____ First Name _____ Birth date: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____
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Full name of school attending: _____

SECTION 3: SPORTS REGISTRATION

Sport: _____ Sport organization: _____ Registration date: _____ Program start date: _____ Program end date: _____
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Point of contact: _____ Phone no: _____ Email address: _____ Phone no.: _____
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Street address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Registration fee: _____ Requested amount: _____
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Request for equipment: If your child needs equipment to participate in the sport, indicate what equipment is needed for safe play and estimated cost: \$ _____

SECTION 4: FINANCIAL SITUATION

Please complete A or B to verify financial situation

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____ Employer phone no.: _____
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Total yearly household income : \$ _____ Include alimony, spousal support, child support, etc. Total amount includes income of all adults (over the age of 18) in the home.

A. Please include a copy of one or more of the documents from the list below

Letter from social services verifying receipt of public assistance Three consecutive pay stubs (most recent and for all working adults in the home)
 Child health benefits letter Subsidized housing Free & reduced lunch program Welfare Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Other

B. Endorser verification: The endorser acts as an objective third party who is familiar with the family and child and is in a professional position to assess the financial barriers facing the family/child. **Check one of the following:**

School teacher School principal Lawyer Member of clergy Police officer Social worker Coach

Name: _____ Organization and position: _____ Phone no.: _____ Email address: _____

I verify that the family of this applicant has financial need and should qualify to receive a grant from Newberry's BLOCK. I agree to be contacted by Newberry's BLOCK for follow up. Date: _____ Signature: _____

SECTION 5: SIGNATURE

In consideration for any scholarship funds or other services that may be provided, Newberry's BLOCK is hereby released from any and all claims that I or my child may have with respect to the activity that is to be funded/sponsored by Newberry's BLOCK. The above information is true to the best of my knowledge. I release this information to Newberry's BLOCK and authorize the organization to contact and receive information from listed individuals/contacts as required to process my request.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date