



APPLICATION FORM

About the Ramblers Soccer Club New York

In 1980, an ad was placed in the *Village Voice* for gay men interested in playing soccer in an area of New York City's Central Park known as the Ramble. So began the Ramblers Soccer Club New York, the world's first organized openly gay soccer club. Today, the Ramblers welcome players of all genders, and join more than 80 teams from 20 countries as part of the International Gay and Lesbian Football Association.

The Ramblers Soccer Club was formed to provide a comfortable and fun atmosphere for all people to enjoy the competition and camaraderie of soccer, regardless of skill level, sexual orientation, gender, race or religion; to break down stereotypes about gay people in sports; and to forge new friendships as part of an ongoing Ramblers family.

About the Ramblers Scholarship

Established in 2016, the New York Ramblers Scholarship supports young student athletes who self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or intersex (LGBTQI) or as demonstrated and committed allies. Awardees will receive a one-time scholarship, paid directly to their school, covering tuition fees. Up to two scholarships of \$2,500 each will be publicly awarded each summer.

Applicants are required to fill out and submit this application, including five (5) brief essays, two (2) letters of recommendation, and a list of relevant honors and awards.

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Who Should Apply

An eligible applicant is:

- An athlete;
- An open and self-identified lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or intersex person; or a demonstrated and committed ally;
- A graduating high school student who plans to attend a recognized college or university in the United States OR is an already matriculated undergraduate college student; and
- Between the age of 15- and 21-years-old (depending on age at time of high school graduation)

The ideal scholarship candidate will:

- Have a clearly described need for financial support
- Be significantly impacted by this scholarship
- Be able to articulate their personal and professional goals
- Be involved in extracurricular activities with demonstrated passion and commitment
- Show leadership in academics, extracurriculars, and/or athletics
- Have a reasonable probability of completing their degree
- Demonstrate an interest in community service, involvement, or volunteerism

SECTION I: Contact Information

All responses provided herein will remain confidential and be shared only with members of the Ramblers Scholarship Selection Committee, unless otherwise agreed upon.

Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

My current living situation (please check all that apply):

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> I Live in on-campus housing | <input type="checkbox"/> I Live with my family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Live in off-campus housing | <input type="checkbox"/> I Live with friends/roommates |

Permanent Address/Hometown:

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Current Address (if different):

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Highest level of formal education completed as of this June: _____

How did you hear about the New York Ramblers Soccer Scholarship?

SECTION II: Eligibility

All responses provided in this section will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility, unless otherwise agreed upon.

I identify as (please check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian | <input type="checkbox"/> Queer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gay | <input type="checkbox"/> Intersex |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual | <input type="checkbox"/> Ally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender | |

My gender pronouns are:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> He/Him/His | <input type="checkbox"/> She/Her/Hers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> They/Them/Theirs | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

SECTION III: School Information

High School

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

College/University

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

What is the expected date of completion for your degree? _____

SECTION IV: Applicant Profile & Essays

Date of Birth: _____ **Are you currently employed (Yes/No)?** _____

Area(s) of Study: _____

Your Sport(s): _____

Athletic Achievements: _____

Essay #1 - Statement of Need (450 words)

Please describe why you are applying for the New York Ramblers Scholarship and the impact the award would have on your future.

Essay #2 - Goals (200 words)

Share your personal and professional goals and how your education will prepare you for the future.

Essay #3 - Leadership (100 words)

Describe the leadership roles you have taken on in academics and athletics, including any relevant activities such as community service or mentoring.

Essay #4 - Academics (150 words)

Reflect on your academics thus far, and share where you have been most successful.

Essay #5 LGBTQI Community (200 words)

Please share your involvement as a member or ally of the LGBTQI community.

Extracurricular Activities

Please list any additional social, academic, political, or professional activities in which you are involved, including student organizations and community service/volunteering.

Honors and Awards

Please list any honors and awards you have received within the past three years, including academic, non-academic, and athletic achievement, and other scholarships.

If you are under 18 years of age and not emancipated, please provide a parent or guardian's contact information.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

SECTION V: Letters of Reference

Please provide two (2) letters of reference by individuals who can attest to your academic dedication, community service, and/or athletics. One should come from a teacher, professor, or other educational leader, and the other from a coach or other athletic leader. References may not be from family members or friends. Letters of reference do not need to be sealed.

SECTION VI: Submission Instructions

We ask that you send all your application materials including the essays and two (2) letters of recommendation together to ensure consideration for the scholarship.

For submission by email (preferred)

Please send your completed application form along with two (2) scanned letters of recommendation to committee@nyramblers.com.

For submission by mail

Please send a printed copy of the completed application form and two (2) letters of recommendation to:

Ramblers Soccer New York - Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 230330
New York, NY 10023

Please direct all inquiries to committee@nyramblers.com or visit <https://nyramblers.com>.

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