About the New York Ramblers Soccer Club

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 New York Ramblers Soccer Club, 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 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 to cover tuition fees. Up to two scholarships of $2,500 each will be publicly awarded each summer. The application process is open annually from January 1 – June 1. Applicants are required to fill out and submit this application.

The application process entails:
- Completed application form
- Five (5) brief essays
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- List of relevant honors and extracurriculars
- Copy of official transcripts

An eligible applicant is:
- An athlete (all sports and athletic activities qualify);
- An open and self-identified lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or intersex person, or a demonstrated and committed straight ally;
- A graduating high school student who plans to attend a recognized college or university in the United States OR is an already matriculated US 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

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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):

☐ I Live in on-campus housing
☐ I Live with my family
☐ I Live in off-campus housing
☐ 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):

☐ Lesbian  ☐ Queer
☐ Gay  ☐ Intersex
☐ Bisexual  ☐ Ally
☐ Transgender

My gender pronouns are:

☐ He/Him/His  ☐ She/Her/Hers
☐ They/Them/Theirs  ☐ 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 & 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: Transcripts**
Please include a copy of your official transcripts in your application submission. While a minimum GPA is not requested for this application, transcripts help us confirm your status and academic standing.
SECTION VII: Submission Instructions

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

For submission by email (preferred)
Please send your completed application form including all attachments to committee@nyramblers.com.

For submission by mail
Please send a printed copy of the completed application form including all attachments to:

Ramblers Soccer New York - Scholarship Fund
2 Gold Street, Apt. 21C
New York, NY 10038

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

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