



MOSCOW UNITED SOCCER CLUB

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Mike and Linda Sprenger Soccer Scholarship

Mike and Linda Sprenger have been long-term supporters of sports activities in Moscow, and in particular soccer. All their kids were actively involved with youth sports, and played the game of soccer throughout their time as youth in Moscow. Mike coached many teams for many years, and Linda served six years on the Moscow United Board, and was team manager for several teams. In addition, they have provided financial support as individuals and through Sprenger Construction. Their dedication to soccer and their desire to see all players become their very best, has inspired us to create the Mike and Linda Sprenger Soccer Scholarship. The scholarship is not awarded based on financial need, but as a tribute to Mike and Linda's belief in hard work, dedication, strong character, and community excellence.

The Award

- The intent of these awards is to enable players to achieve higher levels of excellence in soccer while reducing financial strain.
- The awards will consist of 100% of Club registration plus IYSA fees. A total of two awards will be given each year at the discretion of the Board. One will be awarded in the U14 and under age group, and one will be awarded in the high school age group (U15 and higher). If it is deemed by the committee that there are no qualified applicants, the Board may exercise its right not to award a scholarship, or award a second scholarship, at their discretion, to a deserving recipient of the same age category.
- The award is not renewable; in fact, recipients are not eligible to win back to back awards.
- Awards are applied toward registration fees at MUSC or Fusion, and are only payable to MUSC.
- All Club players are eligible to apply for the scholarships.
- Awards are not transferable to other Clubs, and do not follow players if they should choose to depart from MUSC. If a player chooses to leave the Club after receiving a scholarship award, the scholarship will be considered forfeited, and 100% of fees will be required in order to release the player's card. Scholarship monies will not be applied to this total.
- Awards are at no time considered the "property" of the recipient, but instead, a means to reduce the financial obligation to the Club.

Criteria to receive scholarship

An applicant must be:

- An active member of MUSC or Fusion.
- Active in the local soccer community, and provide evidence in an essay (see below).
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (or have displayed equivalent academic success).
- Not serving any player, academic, or legal suspension (no criminal record).
- In good financial standing with the Club and their team. All club and team accounts must be paid or in not in arrears. Good financial standing is expected throughout the award period or the scholarship can be revoked.

To Apply

The following must be submitted to MUSC:

- An academic transcript, letter from the school (on letterhead), or last three report cards showing necessary academic qualification.
- Two letters of reference, one being from a previous coach or group leader (of any sport or club).
- An essay describing how the applicant exemplifies the qualities the Sprengers brought to MUSC.
 - Love and passion for the game. ○ Commitment to team. ○ Dedication to excellence on the field.
 - Pursuance of soccer ideals and aspirations with integrity, resolution, and self-discipline in both a short term and long term manner.
 - Competitive spirit.
 - Involvement in soccer community.
 - Quality of character.
- All application materials must be submitted electronically to soccer@moscowunited.org or Moscow United Soccer Club, PO Box 9919, Moscow, ID 83843, ATTN Sprenger Scholarship, by the date due (including letters of recommendation, submitted separately from the applicant's materials).

Selection Committee

- Each year, the MUSC President will appoint a three-person review committee.
- The committee will review all applications and may choose to interview top candidates to present as final recommendations to be approved and selected by the Board. All Board decisions are final, with no appeal process.
- Applications are due January 15 and July 15 for two scholarships each.
- Applicants who fail to receive the award can reapply the following season.
- Any player who is a family member to a Board member may still apply, but the Board member will not be part of the selection process. In that occurrence, alternative committee members will be appointed by the Club President. Family members of applicants will not be allowed to serve on the selection committee; community members from outside the Club may also serve as committee members if it is deemed appropriate by the MUSC President.