



## Hamish Black Scholarship

In recognition of a pioneer in the Edmonton Scottish Society (ESS), and an outstanding contributor to the soccer landscape in Alberta. Hamish Black has been instrumental in creating strong connections between our youth and ESS senior soccer pathways, and his family continue to foster his legacy of building community and friendships through a shared love of sport.

During his time as the leader of the Men's Soccer Program, Hamish Black valued character, integrity, loyalty and service to the community above all else.

The purpose of the **Hamish Black Scholarship** is to provide a deserving applicant financial support for expenses incurred while a student-athlete at a post-secondary school.

### Qualifications

To qualify, eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Represented Edmonton Scottish United Soccer Club (the Club) for four or more consecutive seasons, including the final year of youth play (currently defined as Under 17 Tier 1 / Under 19), unless injury prevents the completion of any of the required seasons;
- As a player - on and off the field - demonstrate good citizenship, influential leadership and uphold the tenets of fair play;
- Upon completion of their youth career, is an active contributor to the community as a coach or volunteer, preferably with the Club;
- Is confirmed as an undergraduate student-athlete (soccer, and in any year of eligibility) at an approved and recognized post-secondary university or college, and;
- Will use a year of collegiate or university player eligibility in the year in which the award is granted.

## **Application Process**

Scholarship applications must be received by the Club Board of Directors no later than January 15 of the applicable year.

Applications must contain the following elements:

- The on-line **Hamish Black Scholarship Application Form** must be completed in full.
- The following requirements, submitted to [bod@scottishunited.com](mailto:bod@scottishunited.com):
  1. Three written references, as indicated in the on-line application form:
    1. Letter of Reference from a leader in the sport community, verifying the candidate's character and participation in community activity;
    2. Letter of Reference from the Club's Executive Director, Technical Director or equivalent, outlining the candidate's character, leadership qualities and commitment to Fair Play;
    3. Letter of Reference from a personal contact, outlining examples of the applicant's character outside of the sport context.
  2. A copy of the applicant's most recent marks (last reporting period, transcript or other official outline of academic results).
  3. A high-resolution head shot, or recent soccer-related photograph, submitted electronically.

## **Post-Application Process**

1. Scholarship applicants will be contacted by a Club Representative confirming reception of the application by January 30 of the applicable year.
2. The successful recipient will be formally announced by March 30 of the applicable year.

