

## **The Emily Baker Tennis Scholarship and Youth Fund**

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The Emily Baker Tennis Scholarship and Youth Fund Foundation will be established by the Tuscaloosa Tennis Association in order to honor Emily Baker and to provide opportunities to the youth of Tuscaloosa and the surrounding areas to continue to learn tennis and build their skills.

TTA will establish a scholarship and youth fund committee to create and manage the process and distribution of funds.

The foundation will be funded through the Tuscaloosa Tennis Association's annual Emily Baker Women's Tournament and through donations directed to this fund.

This fund may initially be used in the following ways:

- Pay for in schools youth tennis instruction either during PE or afterschool to introduce tennis or continue to build tennis skills.
- Pay for beginning tennis instruction and equipment in schools (Rocket Tennis, Net Generation, or other programs).
- Pay for tennis instruction / clinics for children under 18.
- Pay for individual private lessons for children that have been recommended by a tennis pro, teachers and where there is parental support. Scholarships will be awarded with a time limit and will be reviewed by the TTA Committee.
- Pay for tournaments and travel for individuals that have been sponsored with private lessons.

### **Initial Individual Scholarship Criteria**

- Individuals may be eligible up to the completion of their senior year in high school.
- Schools with in school clinics must have a minimum of 6 - 8 students for the clinics.
- An application for an individual scholarship must be completed and include recommendations from teachers and a certified tennis pro.
- Parental support and commitment will be part of the application process.
- Financial need applications will be given priority
- Scholarships for private lessons will be time bound with reporting back from the tennis pro and parents to the TTA committee for potential renewal.
- Scholarships and clinics will be time bound with TTA scholarship committee review prior to renewal.

### **Process**

The board will approve program amounts as needed. The board will determine the amount of individual scholarships on an annual basis based on the amount of funds raised through the Emily Baker Women's Classic. The scholarship committee will review and approve individual scholarships within the annual limit. Any amounts above the annually approved amount will go to the board for approval.

Complimentary TTA family memberships will be granted to those families being awarded individual scholarships.

Families will be asked to support TTA by volunteering at TTA events.

The criteria and process will be reviewed minimally on an annual basis to ensure it is meeting the needs of the community.