

FRANK LEVERSEDGE MEMORIAL AWARD

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Frank Leversedge Memorial Award is presented at the World Cups soccer tournament to members of the local soccer community, promoting opportunities for the development and education of youth soccer players, both on and off the field.

Previous award recipients have included both male and female players traveling, training and playing abroad in Scotland and Sweden.

THE WORLD CUPS TOURNAMENT

Founded in 1986, the annual World Cups tournament brings together players from the Greater Victoria region and the Lower Island to play with new teammates in an exciting 6-aside format. Originally created by Frank to support his team's fundraising efforts to travel and to participate in the prestigious Gothia Cup in Gothenburg, Sweden, and the Copenhagen Cup in Denmark, the tournament has benefitted numerous teams since its inception, helping teams to travel and to play in many countries including the U.S., England, Scotland, Sweden, Denmark, and the Netherlands.

FUNDING GOALS

The Fund seeks to support the fundraising efforts of inspirational leaders, players, or local teams. The Fund does not provide funds for salaries, general operating expenses, or equipment.

In order to be considered for an award:

1. The applicant should be a player, team or individual working directly with youth soccer and engages in activities which:
 - advocate for team travel and cultural exchange,
 - assist in player or referee development,
 - offer opportunities to participate in world class competitions or events.
2. The activity or use of funds will serve to inspire others within the soccer community; and
3. The applicant does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or physical disability.

HOW TO APPLY

If you feel that you or your team meets the criteria listed, we invite you to submit an application.

Please include the following information:

1. A letter that describes the following:
 - the specific purpose for which the awarded funds will be used;
 - the preliminary budget for the activity, including expenses and any other fundraising or income received or expected;
 - a personal or team statement describing how the activity meets the expectations of the Fund
2. Two letters of recommendation / support for your application.
3. Contact information of the applicant, including phone, email and address.

Once reviewed, additional information or interviews may be requested. The Award(s) will be presented at the opening ceremonies of the 30th Annual World Cups tournament, March 25-27th, 2016.

Completed applications must be received on or before **March 11, 2016**. Send questions and completed applications to frankleversedgefund@shaw.ca.