



# Buffalo Rugby Club Scholarship Application

The Buffalo Rugby Club, a registered 501c3 non-profit organization, is currently accepting applications for the 2014 Buffalo Rugby Club Scholarship. The Buffalo Rugby Club is focused on enriching the rugby community in Western New York and is seeking a deserving candidate. Buffalo Rugby Club is also pleased to acknowledge that this scholarship is funded, in part, by Orchard Park Rugby in memory of Frank "Poopsie" Koch.

The selected applicant will have the choice to attend either of the following camps:

- Nike Elite Rugby Camp in Hempstead, New York June 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> *or*
- U.S Rugby Camps in Buffalo, New York July 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

The full registration will be covered by the Buffalo Rugby Club for the selected applicant. Please be aware that the selected winner will still be responsible for transportation to and from the camps.

In order to apply for consideration, applicants must complete the following:

1. Application form
2. Coaches letter of recommendation
3. Provide an essay which answers the question, "How has rugby impacted you?"

The winning applicant will have demonstrated leadership and passion on the rugby field, the classroom and the community. Additionally, consideration of the applicant's future plans, with regards to rugby, will be taken into account. Scholarship finalists may be asked to provide additional information.

Completed Applications should be submitted to Dave Cieslik ([dmcieslik@gmail.com](mailto:dmcieslik@gmail.com)) **AND** Nick Kusmierski ([kusmierskin@hotmail.com](mailto:kusmierskin@hotmail.com)). If you have any questions, please email either of the above.

## **Deadline for Application is June 1, 2014.**

Thank you and we look forward to reviewing your application,

Buffalo Rugby Club

Name: First		Name: Last	
Address :		City : Number	
State:		Zip code:	
Home phone:		Email Address:	
High school :		High School Rugby Program :	
Primary Position :		Future Rugby plans (college if applicable):	
Academic Honors:			
Athletic Honors: (summer Development side)			

Involvement in local rugby programs: (i.e. summer Development side, Kenmore 7's, etc.)			
Community Involvement:			
Reference 1 Name:		Relationship:	
Phone number:		Email:	
Reference 2 Name:		Relationship:	
Phone number:		Email:	

#### *About Buffalo Rugby Club*

The mission of the Buffalo Rugby Club is to cultivate, promote and present the global game of rugby throughout the Buffalo and western New York community. The club will strive for the highest sustainable standard of play by engaging in the development of players and participants at all levels. The club is committed to fostering sportsmanship, camaraderie and community service through all its endeavors.

In addition to fielding two competitive rugby sides, the Buffalo Rugby Club is involved in organizing numerous youth clinics throughout the area. Club members are also active in assisting or coaching many local youth, high schools and colleges rugby programs. The Club also is involved with the Olmstead Conservancy and regularly volunteers for tree planting and other activities at Delaware Park.

The Buffalo Rugby Club has an annual operating budget of about \$50,000. Because of the success of the Club, there are significant travel requirements to participate in tournaments and games necessitating the size of this budget.

The Buffalo Rugby Club brings significant resources to the table. The Club is over 45 years old, is well established and well recognized throughout the community. The Club has an extensive network of over 500 alumni both in the area and outside of the area with contacts in many businesses and other areas. In addition, the Buffalo Rugby Club has its 501(c)3 tax exempt status which will allow the Club to significantly increase its fundraising capabilities in connection with raising money to use for a permanent field.