Michigan State Youth Soccer Association
Press Release

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MSYSA Youth Soccer Awards, Hall of Fame, Scholarships and Recreational Grants Available

Plymouth, Michigan (August 2, 2013) – The Michigan State Youth Soccer Association awards program specifically recognizes various participants within the State of Michigan for achievements in soccer. If you know of someone who has gone above and beyond and dedicated their time and efforts to the game of soccer, please let MSYSA know by visiting www.michiganyouthsoccer.org and completing the Awards Nomination Form.

Administrator of the Year – This award is designed to recognize excellence and outstanding achievements of administrators by honoring their extraordinary accomplishments. *Click here to submit your nomination.* **Nominations due September 23, 2013.**

Coach of the Year (One Boys & One Girls Award; Recreational and Select) – These recipients dedicate their time and efforts to soccer through coaching. They promote participation and fun to the players. Players and peers view this person as an influential role model, a person who is in the game for the kids to have fun and creates a positive playing environment. *Click here to submit your nomination.* **Nominations due September 23, 2013.**

TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year – The nominees demonstrates patience, understanding, dependability, flexibility and ability to adjust to ever-changing on-field situations. This person is also an invaluable volunteer who facilitates the program by filling many roles, including being a role model as well as assisting when needed with administrative responsibilities. *Click here to submit your nomination.* **Nominations due September 23, 2013.**

Young Referee of the Year (Male & Female) – The young male and female that receives this award is professional in appearance, dependable, consistent in performance, has a positive attitude toward players and team officials. This young referee must be a role model both on and off of the playing field. *Click here to submit your nomination.* **Nominations due September 23, 2013.**

Volunteer of the Year – This award recognizes the soccer volunteer who is a positive role model for the community beyond soccer, yet receives no compensation for the efforts. This person demonstrates a willingness to promote soccer and helps increase the opportunity for others to participate in soccer. *Click here to submit your nomination.* **Nominations due September 23, 2013.**

MSYSA College Scholarships – MSYSA awards $5,000 ($1,000 per MSYSA District) each year. This program is open to Michigan residents who are participating in a soccer program and are graduating high school seniors. Applicants must have played on an MSYSA affiliated team for at least 6 seasons (3 years). *Click here to submit your application.* **Nominations due December 2, 2013.**

MSYSA Recreational Grants – MSYSA has launched a Recreational Grant Program that is specifically geared towards MSYSA Recreational Affiliated Leagues. This program has been created for the purpose of enhancing recreational soccer clubs and recreational leagues within the State of Michigan. *Click here to submit your application.* **Nominations due December 2, 2013.**

MSYSA Recreational Tournament Grants - Recreational Grants totaling $15,000 will be made for the purpose of enhancing existing recreational soccer tournaments within the State of Michigan. Any recreational tournament currently sanctioned by the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association may apply for a grant. *Click here to submit your application.* **Nominations are due December 2, 2013.**

MSYSA Hall of Fame – The MSYSA Hall of Fame is designed to recognize individuals who have given their time, talent and effort to the youth soccer players in MSYSA over a period of many years. To be selected, this individual must have contributed positively to the growth and/or betterment of youth soccer with MSYSA. *Click here to submit your nomination.* **Nominations due December 2, 2013.**

MSYSA would like to welcome players, coaches, managers, and families to the second annual MSYSA Awards Ceremony & Dinner on Friday, March 7, 2014. MSYSA will be distributing all awards, scholarships, and grants at the Greektown Casino in Detroit (located at 1200 St. Antoine, Detroit, Michigan 48226). When making a reservation at the Greektown Casino, call 877-424-5554 and reference the **Michigan State Youth Soccer Association.** The deadline to make your reservations is February 7, 2014.

About Michigan State Youth Soccer Association
The Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (MSYSA) is a nonprofit organization that represents over 89,000 youth soccer players, 12,000+ coaches, and 6,000+ referees throughout Michigan. MSYSA consists of a vast number of leagues that register players (boys and girls) from ages 4 through 19 throughout the state. MSYSA is a member of the United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation. For more information on MSYSA, visit www.michiganyouthsoccer.org.

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