South County Youth Soccer Club is an important part of the fabric of our community. For a generation or more, through the Club’s competitive (“travel”) teams and recreational (“rec”) teams, soccer skills have been developed, values like sportsmanship and teamwork have been fostered, and friendships have been formed between players, coaches, and families.

Central to the Club’s success was always Shirley Testa, who for more than twenty-two years - up to her retirement in 2021 - served the Club in multiple roles, including as its Registrar and Office Manager.

During this time Shirley was the face of the Club and the first point of contact to the community and thousands of families. She was passionate about listening to family’s needs, always putting the players first, and ensuring overall that kids have an outlet for just being kids playing the game of soccer. Always pleasant, always willing to help (far beyond any job description), Shirley was devoted to fulfilling the Club’s mission of providing an enjoyable, affordable and quality soccer experience and valued integrity, teamwork, fair play, community and having fun. Shirley left an indelible mark on the Club and the community.

Shirley’s time with the Club was her second career. Prior to SCYSC, she was a long tenured educator in South County. Shirley spent 28 years at North Kingstown HS as a Teacher and Administrator. She retired as Vice Principal in 1998. Of course, her devotion to the development of kids was, again, central to her vocation.

To honor Shirley’s time and dedication to SCYSC, the Board of Directors renamed its annual scholarship to the: **SCYSC Shirley Testa College Scholarship**. In addition to SCYSC typical criteria for scholarship winner(s) selection: (your time with SCYSC and playing soccer, volunteerism) we also seek candidates who exhibit similar behaviors and characteristics that Shirley demonstrated and were important to her while she was with the Club.

**Application**

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| **DEADLINE: Sunday May 7, 2023**  e-mail Completed Application to: [president@scysc.org](mailto:president@scysc.org)  For questions, call 782-8200. |

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*NOTE :* ***Please******do not put your name or address on any other page of your application****. For answers to questions you may use additional paper---must also be typed.*

*Winners will be notified by email and requested to submit a photograph that will be posted to the SCYSC website.*

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**Name(s) of College/University to which you have applied:**

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| **How many years have you played for SCYSC?** |  |

**List the names of your coaches and teams below. Include Recreational, Competitive, and Premiere teams.**

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| Age | Team |
| U6 |  |
| U8 |  |
| U10 |  |
| U12 |  |
| U14 |  |
| U16 & Above |  |

**Indicate other ways that you participated in SCYSC (volunteering and/or being paid) and the length of time of this participation (for example referee, coach, Seaside).**

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**Indicate any other community service that you have performed as a volunteer, including dates and type.**

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**ESSAY: On a separate page(s), write one essay, not exceeding 750 words, that addresses the following**:

*What have you learned during your participation in SCYSC and how will you use it in your future?*

*How have you exemplified the traits and characteristics Shirley Testa exemplified and valued:*

* *Work Ethic*
* *Loyalty*
* *Kindness*
* *Teamwork*
* *Fairness*
* *Sacrifice*
* *Having Fun Playing the Beautiful Game.*