

First Serve Scholarship Criteria



Purpose of First Serve Scholarships

First Serve is a program designed to provide an opportunity for children between the ages of 5 – 18 to learn how to play tennis. First Serve is where children can apply for an 8- or 16-week tennis program financially supported scholarship. There will be 3 opportunities to apply for a First Serve scholarship: Fall/Winter – 16-week, Winter/Spring – 16-week or June & July 8-week or two one-week summer camps. Each scholarship recipient receives one lesson per week and will receive a new tennis racquet upon completion of the program.

- Why play tennis? Tennis continues to grow annually and was rated as the safest sport during the pandemic. Tennis can be played as a sport or as a recreational activity with friends and family. Either way, playing tennis is a good sport to grow character and maintain health, fitness, strength, and agility. Children of all ages pick up the basic skills quickly. In addition to the fitness and physical health benefits, tennis also provides positive impact on social and mental health. Tennis is fun, challenging, and competitive for those who have natural skills and are ready to explore a future in the tennis industry.

Scholarship eligibility

First Serve is a tennis program created to help children within the City of Sumter to apply for tennis lesson scholarships. The financial assistance program will be awarded to applicants submitting completed applications by the posted deadline for each lesson season. Scholarships will be awarded based on date received and a completed application that meets the required qualifications.

Financial need

These applications must meet the financial guidelines set forth on the application. Requirements will include parent/guardian's home and contact information, driver's license, copy of a current utility bill and current financial statement. This program is designed to assist families based on South Carolina's Low to Moderate Income.

- ***Previous scholarship recipients can reapply for a scholarship. Previous recipients will be considered based on availability after new applicants have been served.

Geographic boundaries

First Serve is for the City of Sumter residents and each session is scheduled to serve 20 available slots within various age ranges. The regularly scheduled programs have maximum capacity numbers for each class. Each class will set aside and save the First Serve slots. If there are unused slots of 2 missed classes by a scholarship recipient, the slot will be reassigned to another scholarship applicant or student.



City of Sumter First Serve Application (2022)

Winter/Spring Session – Starts January 3, 2022

PLEASE PRINT IN BLUE/BLACK INK!

Student & Parent/Guardian must complete and sign this application. An incomplete application will not be accepted. Please complete this application and return it to the Community Development Dept. at 12 W. Liberty St. Suite 4 or apply online at www.sumtertennis.com.

NOTE: Student MUST LIVE WITHIN SUMTER CITY LIMITS to apply.

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____ SS#: _____ - _____ - _____
Street City State Zip

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Check one: Male: or Female: Race/Ethnicity: _____

Name of School you attend & Grade: _____

Father/Guardian place of employment: _____ Work#: _____
Name and Address

Mother/Guardian place of employment: _____ Work#: _____
Name and Address

List **EVERYONE** living in your household. All requested information must be turned in for **EVERYONE** living in your household. If you or a family member receives AFDC, SSI, Social Security, Child Support, Alimony, Retirement Benefits, etc. please list below. ***Family total monthly household income must be no more than the chart listed on the back of this form for your household size.**

Name	SS#	Relationship to Student	DOB	Monthly Income	Income Source

I certify that the information given above is true. NOTE: False information could lead to criminal prosecution.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN BY DECEMBER 17, 2021

Student's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Relationship to Applicant

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Relationship to Applicant



INCOME LIMITS

# of People Living in House	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	\$36,540	\$41,760	\$46,980	\$52,140	\$56,340	\$60,540	\$64,680	\$68,880

PALMETTO TENNIS CENTER YOUTH PROGRAMS - AGES 5 - 18

Scholarship program provides one visit weekly in the appropriate age and skill clinic. The programs require non-skid shoes that lace up and comfortable clothing. Loaner tennis racquet will be provided for class and upon completion of the program the recipient will receive a new tennis racquet.

**Class schedule may change or be cancelled due to tournaments or weather*

***Rain days or tournament cancellations will be extended for recipients to complete session*

****Scholarship attendance will be reviewed weekly and cancelled for non-participation*

For more information on the programs listed below: www.sumtertennis.com

STANDARD TENNIS SCHEDULE

Monday

PM

4:30-5:30 Aces (skills placement)

4:30-5:30 Hot Shots (skills placement)

Tuesday

PM

3:30-4:15 Drop Shots (ages 5-7)

4:15-5:15 Slammers (ages 6-10)

5:00-6:00 Challengers (ages 11-18)

Wednesday

PM

4:30-5:30 Aces (skills placement)

4:30-5:30 Hot Shots (skills placement)

Thursday

PM

3:30-4:15 Drop Shots (ages 5-7)

4:15-5:15 Slammers (ages 6-10)

5:00-6:00 Challengers (ages 11-18)