

Dear Washington State Little League District Administrators:

Initiated in 2016, the Seattle Mariners organization will continue the Art Mikelsen – Mariners Care Little League Scholarship Grant program. This was discontinued prior to the 2020 season, which was cancelled due to Covid, but is being revived for 2025. The purpose of this grant, recognizing Little League International's longest serving District Administrator, is to provide Little League scholarships and the other costs that go with it, such as insurance, uniforms and equipment.

This grant of up to \$5,000 per year will go to up to two (2) leagues based on need and organized league structure and will be determined by a committee outside of the Seattle Mariners organization. For 2025, the plan is to present to the recipient(s) prior to our June 1 Little League game date at T-Mobile Park.

In 2019, the recipient of the single grant was Columbia LL in District 4. In June of 2018 a single grant was presented to Capitol LL in District 3. In June of 2017 a single grant was presented to Steel Lake LL in District 10. In September of 2016 we presented grants to two leagues, Southwest LL in District 7 and Bellevue East LL in District 9.

As a Washington State DA, we are asking you to pass the following information on to each of your leagues and, upon receiving any grant requests, determine which requests fulfill the outlined criteria before passing them on to the Seattle Mariners.

Here is what is needed from each league that plans to submit a grant application:

- League name and contact (with contact information).
- Names of five (5) longest serving Board members currently on the board, and number of years each has served on the league board.
- Number of players signed up for their league for the 2025 season and breakdown of number of kids at each level (for both baseball and softball).
- Number of players given league scholarships in each of the three most recent seasons (2023, 2024, 2025).
- Projected number of children to receive scholarships if your league was to receive a grant leading into the 2025 season.
- Projected and itemized cost of items for players on scholarship (insurance, uniforms, equipment, any additional costs).
- League finances from the previous season (just some basic line-item information showing expenses and revenue).
- Brief explanatory overview of why grant money is needed.
- Post Grant: Should your league receive a grant, we would then need a basic accounting of how the grant money was used before your league would have the opportunity to submit any future grant requests.

Deadline for submitting this request to the Marc Mahoney mmahoney@mariners.com of the Seattle Mariners will be Friday, May 9.