

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Are you a veteran who is interested in becoming an official? It doesn't matter which sport you would like to participate in, you have come to the right place. Fill out an application online to get started at battlefields2ballfields.org.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

A Battlefields2Ballfields scholarship will include:

- All equipment and uniforms necessary in the sport or sports that you select
- NASO (National Association of Sports Officials) membership
- Extra training materials, liability insurance, and a subscription to Referee Magazine
- Payment of local and state association dues
- Providing a mentor from your local association

A Battlefields2Ballfields scholarship will provide coverage for three years.



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OFFICIATING.**



WELCOME

During his inauguration speech in 1961, President John F. Kennedy spoke these famous words, “Ask not what your country can do for you... ask what you can do for your country.”

Fifty-six years later, we established a foundation that is indeed doing something for our country by helping veterans integrate back into their communities by becoming sports officials. It is their chance to serve again and help guide the lives of our young people who are involved in sports. This foundation also helps to address the need for sports officials all over our country. The shortage of officials is critical as programs are being cut because of the lack of available officials. Although some like the thought, the game cannot be played without officials.

Our foundation connects the dots between veterans, youth and community. Through the first year, we have enrolled over 100 veterans to take part. Our goal is to add an additional 100 every year.

Your help is needed, whether you are a veteran who wants to officiate, an official or association that will help us recruit, or an individual who will support the cause by donating to our 501(c)(3) tax exempt foundation.



Sincerely,

Mike Pereira
President
Battlefields2Ballfields

GET INVOLVED



Getting involved with Battlefields2Ballfields will be incredibly rewarding. Whether you donate to the cause, help us recruit veterans, or become a mentor, you will be part of a foundation that gives our veterans and active service members a chance to serve again.

DONATE

If you would like to help us provide veterans with an opportunity to integrate back into their communities when they return home by becoming an official, please consider donating to a cause that connects the dots between veterans, youth, and community.

Battlefields2Ballfields is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that will be funded by charitable contributions from businesses, organizations, and individuals.

**TO APPLY, GET INVOLVED, DONATE,
OR FIND OUT MORE, LOG ON TO:
BATTLEFIELDS2BALLFIELDS.ORG**

OUR MISSION

Too often, members of our U.S. Armed Forces return home and find that life without a mission and a team is tough to adjust to. Their sense of self-worth can be lost with little to do and little to focus on. They miss serving. They miss being part of a team. We want to provide them with an avocation that allows them to serve again by becoming a sports official helping to guide the future of our young people who are involved in sports.

There is also a critical shortage of officials on the youth and high school levels. In almost all areas of the country, schools are having to drop their sub varsity programs because there are not enough officials to cover their games.

The facts are, that in the past ten years, the average age of an amateur official has risen and the number of people signing up to officiate has declined. The foundation is helping to address this issue by putting more officials on the fields, courts, diamonds, pitches, and rinks all over the United States of America.

