



Scholarship Incentive Fund Program 2026-2027

YEDA is thrilled to continue the YEDA Scholarship Incentive Fund Program (SIF). Unlike other scholarship programs, YEDA recognizes educational needs and desires far broader than those offered by traditional Secondary Education Programs.



The YEDA Scholarship Incentive Fund was designed to provide a vehicle for competing members to grow their continuing education dollars, based on their own individual point earning performance. Dollars collected from members are placed in a designated YEDA Scholarship Incentive Fund account and coupled with additional scholarship contributions. Funds will be awarded to graduating Seniors based on the cumulative number of points earned during the years in which the member was enrolled in the Incentive Fund.

YEDA competitors may enroll in the YEDA Scholarship Incentive Fund by paying a **first-time application fee of \$150**. Each year after the **re-enrollment sustaining cost is \$75**. For EWD Members, first time enrollment is \$100 and sustaining fee is \$25 a year.

IMPORTANT POINTS

- Only points accumulated while an active member enrolled in the Incentive Program will count toward scholarship distribution.
- The rider must be a YEDA member their Senior year of High School to receive a distribution
- Incentive Program points do not accrue until receipt of application and payment has been processed.

How To Enroll

- Become an YEDA Member
- Complete the YEDA Scholarship Incentive Fund Application
- Attach Payments (please make all checks payable to YEDA)
- Mail the completed application and payment as directed on the application form.

The purpose of the YEDA Scholarship Incentive Fund (SIF) is to provide scholarship support to graduating seniors based on their point earning competition performance over the period in which they were enrolled in the Fund. Each point earned while enrolled in the fund will become a value and a check will be issued in the riders name in their senior year. In 2026 point value was \$4.91

How Do I Enroll?

Use the SIF enrollment form. The initial enrollment fee is one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) Each year after the re-enrollment sustaining cost is \$75. The more points a student rider earns, the larger the portion of the funds he/she has the potential of earning. For EWD Members, first time enrollment is \$100 and sustaining fee is \$25 a year.

A student rider may enroll in the program at any time however, scholarship points will not begin to accrue until after enrollment forms and payment is received or postmarked. For the remainder of the member's competition eligibility, an annual sustaining fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75) will be due prior to the rider's points beginning to accrue for that competition season. The amount of the sustaining fee will be reviewed by the YEDA Scholarship Incentive Committee on a five (5)year schedule.

How Are Funds Created?

Enrollment and sustaining fees collected will remain with the graduating/future graduating class from which they were collected. In addition, a pot containing moneys collected from current year back numbers, 50/50 raffles, current year SIF sponsorships, and any other fundraising deemed appropriate will be split with 60% going to current year graduating class and 40% to be held back for the following year graduating class.

How Do I Earn SIF Dollars?

Points for SIF only build the years the rider is enrolled in SIF and only after the enrollment form and payment is received/post marked. Upon the rider's graduation year and/or last year of YEDA eligibility, the total SIF points accumulated in the current years graduating class SIF enrollees will be divided into the total dollars in the fund to come up with a point value. Please note that the rider must be a YEDA member and has paid the sustaining fee to the SIF by the time the funds are disbursed to be eligible for any SIF monies.

How do I cash out my SIF dollars?

When an enrolled student/rider is in their graduating year or final year of YEDA eligibility, they will automatically receive a check from SIF. The check may be made out in the rider's name to be used as they want. (Does not need to be used for further education)

If you are not a member in your Senior Year.....

If a rider is unable to compete in their senior year and wants to receive their Scholarship SIF dollars, a rider must purchase a YEDA Non-Competing Membership <https://showyeda.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/2026-2027-PDF-YEDA-Non-Competing-Membership-Form-Updated-5.28.26.pdf> and enroll in the SIF by completing the sustaining (reenrollment form) and paying the sustaining fee. [2026-2027 PDF Sustaining Scholarship Incentive Fund Application Form Updated 6.24.26.pdf](#) All points earned while an enrollee of SIF will be paid as stated under the “**How do I Earn SIF Dollars**” heading.

How Do I Track SIF?

On the YEDA Website there is a points spreadsheet. The location is under Scholarships, then Enrolled SIF Members and Points. <http://showyeda.com/scholarship/sif-points/> This page has been organized by graduating class.

What If SIF Is Replaced or Canceled?

In the unlikely event, the SIF program is replaced or canceled between competition seasons, refunds will occur in the following manner:

- Students enrolled the season prior to SIF cancelation will be reimbursed their enrollment and yearly sustaining fees collected to date.
- Any and all funds remaining in the SIF 60/40 pot will be distributed to previous season’s enrollees. Those dollars will be prorated based on the number of points earned while a SIF member.
- Any funds shortfall for the enrollment and sustaining fees will be paid from the YEDA general fund.

