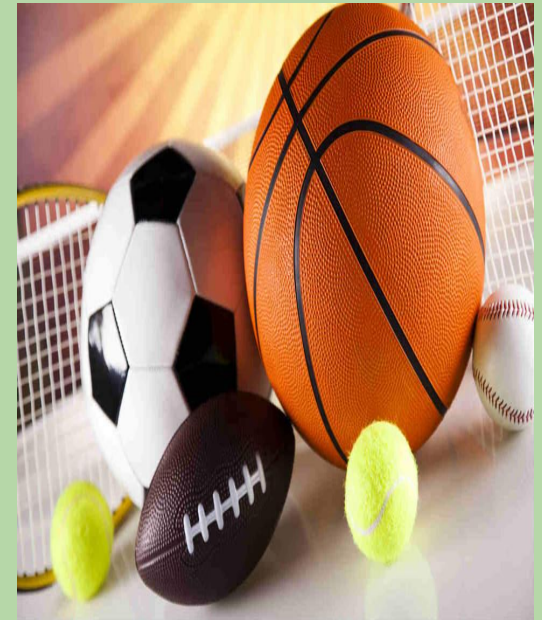


Throughout my life I've always been playing sports whether its with my friends playing for fun or with my teammates trying to win a championship. I've always had love for sports. But Times are changing youth sports are becoming more privatized and it's our job to help stop it. Its becoming harder for youth to play the sports they love because people are telling them that in order to play at a higher level you have to pay more money. People who have talent and skill are stuck playing at levels that are not challenging their skills because they can't afford to pay the type of money to play for more competitive leagues.

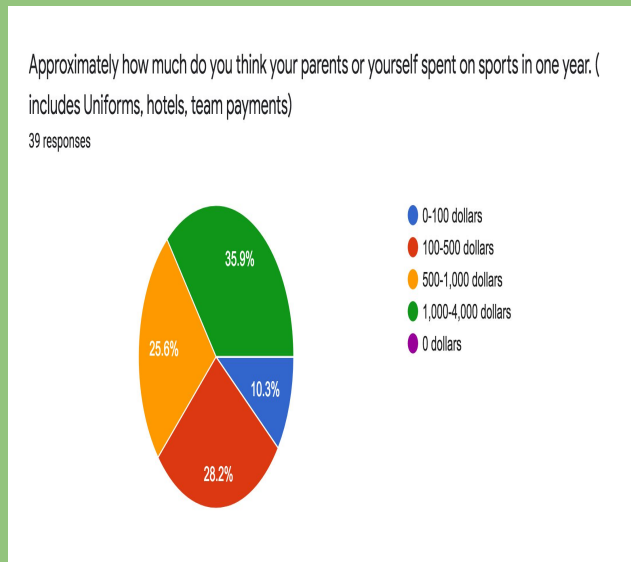
*Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.*

— **Muhammad Ali**

# SPORTS FOR ALL



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In this pie chart you see that from 39 responses of youth who play sports, 35.9% responded that they pay about 1,000 to 4,000 dollars per year for sports. For someone who is low-income that could be too expensive, but at this moment in time the system in sports is pay to play and its only getting worse.

My mentor Ketra Armstrong helped me throughout this project to come up with ideas of how to raise money to help allow low-income youth to participate in competitive sports. Our idea was to reach out to local businesses and see if they were willing to help. I received only one response that said that businesses aren't in much of a position to help with the situation.

Since my first idea didn't work I decided to create a survey in which 39 high school athletes participated in to show the disparities in youth sports. The number one answer to the question "how would you make sports programming for youth more accessible?" was to make it cheaper.



## Resources to help make youth sports more affordable :

- Scholarships
- GoFundMe
- Local Organizations
- Sponsorships from parents on your team