



WESTSIDE UNITED SELECT SOCCER PROGRAM

Financial Aid Program



Overview of Westside United Select Soccer Program Financial Aid

Westside United Select Soccer Program has established a program for which players/parents can apply to receive financial aid for part or all of the annual club fees. This program maintains compliance with the standards established by the Seattle Youth Soccer Association (SYSA) regarding select team formation (each select team must make available a minimum of one (1) full scholarship or equivalent using reduced or free lunch requirements as the guideline for allocation). Financial Aid is awarded based upon availability of financial aid funds, the financial needs of the applicant, and approval by the Financial Aid Committee based upon its established criteria. The program is open to all registered players who meet the financial criteria and who can provide the Westside United Select Soccer Program with a complete, accurate application (with requested supporting documentation).

Categories of Financial Aid

There are two categories of financial aid:

- **Full Financial Aid.** Applicants may be entitled to a full financial aid package for the Player and Club fees, based upon availability of financial aid funds, if the applicant meets the standard for low income family as established by Westside United Select Soccer Program and has completed and provided all necessary supporting application documentation to the program for consideration.
- **Partial Financial Aid.** Applicants not meeting the low income family criteria may still be considered for a partial financial aid package for the Player and Club fees, based upon availability of financial aid funds. The Financial Aid Committee will review submitted applications for financial need from the information submitted and award financial assistance at its sole discretion.

Financial Aid Application Guidelines

1. Westside United Select Soccer Program will notify all players/parents at the Annual Parent's Meeting for a season year that financial aid is available and the application submission deadline.
2. The Financial Aid Application Form will be made available to Westside United players/parents in the Forms section of the website.
3. Any applicant to be considered for financial aid must fill out the Financial Aid Application form, completely and accurately. All necessary supporting documentation must be included with the application. Any application must also have already been registered as a player with the Ballard Westside United Select Soccer Program and have submitted the "Authorization to Play, Medical Release and Waiver Form" and the "Parent & Player Code of Conduct Form" to the Westside United Select Soccer Program.
4. To be considered, any interested applicant needs to have the Financial Aid Application **postmarked no later than March 7th, 2008** and mailed (along with supporting documentation) to:

Westside United Select Soccer Program Financial Aid Committee
PO Box 99067
Seattle, WA 98139

5. Completed applications will be reviewed by **mid-March** by the Financial Aid Committee. All submissions and information will be reviewed solely by this committee to maintain strictest confidentiality. The team manager and/or team treasurer will only be notified if an award is granted.
6. Financial Aid Applications that are submitted after the deadline noted above will be considered in the order in which they are received and on the basis of remaining available financial aid funds. However, since financial aid package requests frequently exceed the budget, it is highly unlikely that Westside United can award financial aid packages to late applicants.
7. Applicants will receive acceptance or denial by written notification by the Westside United Select Soccer Program Financial Aid Committee usually within two weeks of the application deadline.
8. Financial aid is for the current season year only. Applicants receiving financial aid must apply each season year to be considered for financial aid.
9. All financial aid may be reviewed periodically and subject to withdrawal based upon improvements in economic status of the applicant or family. Towards this end, Westside United Select Soccer Program has the right to request updated financial information from any applicant awarded financial aid at any time during the season year.
10. Each applicant is judged on the basis of merit.