

SMUFC Financial Aid Policy 2009-2010 Season

The Financial Aid Request Form MUST be submitted to your Team Administrator.

SMUFC is committed to excellence in youth soccer. In pursuit of this commitment, we believe that:

- Fund raising by the Club must be pursued with the full support of its membership.
- Sponsorship should be solicited to reduce the costs of Club operations and to provide assistance to players with financial need.
- The funds raised by the Club will be distributed first to offset existing costs to all SMUFC players and then a portion reserved to provide tuition assistance to those with demonstrated financial need.
- The Board of Directors will hold all financial documentation in the strictest confidence for use only in determining financial need.
- The Club will not provide 100% financial assistance to any one player. Each family must make a financial pledge and will be held responsible for paying what was promised.
- The player and the team should also assume some responsibility in raising funds for SMUFC.
- It is policy of the Club to limit aid availability only to members in good standing. If other financial obligations are not met, the player may not train and may not be allowed register to play the following year.
- First year players will only be considered for aid if the Coach and Director of Coaches submit to the Board for approval a statement explaining the need for such an arrangement and a statement from the Team Administrator that the team has agreed to support this arrangement.

Procedure

Existing Player:

1. The parent shall complete the aid application form, as attached, in full and submit the request in a sealed envelope to the Team Administrator along with their registration packet.
2. The Team Administrator should then notify the team's Coach that this player has requested club assistance.
3. The Coach should provide a statement of support to the Board for this player.
4. The Club President, another Board member(s), typically the Treasurer, the Vice President, the Registrar or a member of the Finance Committee, will review all

completed applications for a particular team, budgetary constraints, and the recommendations made.

5. Dispersal of aid funds will be based upon this review.
6. Details regarding the amount of aid granted will be communicated directly to the parents and to the Team Administrator.
7. If parents fail to meet their monthly financial obligations, future aid consideration could be jeopardized.

New Players:

1. The Coach and Director of Coaches should identify players who would add quality to and enhance the Club/team. In speaking with the prospective player and parents **no commitment should be made regarding aid without Board approval.**
2. If a family approaches the Coach, Director of Coaching or Team Administrator regarding financial aid, they should be given a copy of the SMUFC Financial Aid Policy or referred to the SMUFC website. The parent shall complete the aid application form, as attached, in full and submit the request in a sealed envelope to the Team Administrator.
3. The Coach and/or Team Administrator should submit a statement of support/denial to endeavor to sign this player, realizing the financial obligation involved.
4. The Club President, another Board member, typically the Treasurer, the Vice President, the Registrar or a member of the Finance Committee will review the documentation, the availability of funds, and the anticipated needs of existing players.
5. The Board will issue a preliminary statement directly to the parents as to the possibility of helping this player.
6. Once the player has signed, details regarding the amount of aid granted will be communicated to the Team Administrator. If parents fail to meet their monthly financial obligations, future aid consideration could be jeopardized.

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Financial Aid will only be considered if this form is completed.

The information requested below will be kept confidential but is necessary to assure that only those for whom payment presents a material hardship, as opposed to a mere inconvenience, are provided financial assistance. Our resources are limited and applications are considered on a needs basis only.

Date _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Player Name: _____ Team: B/G U _____ DOB: _____

Father's Name	Occupation	Gross Monthly Income
Mother's Name	Occupation	Gross Monthly Income
Guardian's Name	Occupation	Gross Monthly Income

 Describe the reason for and the amount of aid requested: _____

How much are you committing to pay on a monthly basis? (You must make a commitment): _____

I pledge that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that the Board of Directors will review this application and will decide what, if any, financial assistance can be made available to my son/daughter. I also understand that it is my responsibility to meet my financial obligations to the Club in a timely manner or my child will be suspended from training with the Club.

 Signature

Board Review Date : _____ **Total amount approved \$** _____