

MYS Financial Aid Policy For Travel Players

This policy applies to players in MYS Travel programs excluding ECNL. There are separate financial aid policies for MYS Recreation and ECNL players.

Subject to the availability of funds, MYS shall offer financial aid for MYS registration fees to those members that demonstrate financial hardship. The decision to make any award, the amount thereof, and the beneficiaries shall be made on a defined set of decision factors that are consistently applied under the circumstances. Notwithstanding the forgoing, all award decisions are made at the sole discretion of the MYS Travel Financial Aid Committee and the Executive Director. The application and aid information will be kept confidential within the MYS Financial Aid Committee and MYS staff members responsible for member accounts.

Applications – Completed applications may be mailed to MYS, Attn: Travel Financial Aid, Box 724, McLean, VA 22101 or emailed to financialaid@mcleansoccer.org. Incomplete applications may result in disqualification. A player must be registered in the MYS registration system and their player acceptance deposit of \$150 must be received and made in advance of the application being considered.

Applications received less than three weeks before the start of a season may not be considered. Applications received early in the registration process may receive preferential consideration based on the availability of aid funds. Award decisions will be made periodically on a schedule determined by the Aid Committee.

Applications received by the fall deadline will be considered for an award for both the fall and spring seasons. Applications received in the spring will only be considered for a spring aid award. All applicants must re-apply each fall season to be considered. *Note that there will be no retroactive financial aid awarded for previous seasons registered/played.*ⁱ

Eligibility – Any MYS member is eligible to apply for financial aid. Qualification is primarily based on verified family income. The eligibility threshold is combined parental Adjusted Gross Income (line 37 on Federal tax return Form 1040) not exceeding \$80,000. Other factors such as unemployment or other financial hardships may also be considered by the Financial Aid Committee.

Amount of Aid Award – The Board or Treasurer shall determine the amount of the financial aid available for a season; however, there is no obligation to award all/any of the award pool. Based on the amount of the award pool and the amount of requests for financial aid, awards will be made on a sliding scale based on verified family income. The maximum amount of an award to an individual shall not exceed the total fee for the particular program less the \$150 acceptance deposit for each season.

Families of applicants receiving MYS aid awards may be requested to provide up to eight hours volunteer service to MYS each season. Those applicants that do not fulfill this requirement upon request may be ineligible for future aid awards.

Application Process - Applications for financial aid are available online and must be completed and returned to MYS at least three weeks before the start of a season. *A signed copy of the most*

recent Federal tax return on Form 1040 (or applicable form) for both parents of the applicant (supporting schedules and attachments are not required unless requested) must be filed with the financial aid application. Applicants must register the player on a timely basis in the MYS registration system each season. A minimum payment of \$150 must be made towards MYS registration fees before an aid application will be processed. All MYS registration fees must be paid in full on a timely basis for the player to be eligible to participate in MYS team activities. Annual awards will be credited in equal amounts at the beginning of each season subject to applicant's re-registration, confirmation of continuing need in the spring season, and payment of the spring registration fee deposit of \$150.

Applications will be evaluated by the Financial Aid Committee. The Committee shall present the proposed aid awards to the Executive Director and Finance Director for approval. Notification of aid award decisions shall be sent via email to each applicant.

Other Opportunities – MYS has a limited number of compensated positions (e.g., referees, field set up, training assistants, Age Group Coordinators, etc.) and volunteer positions (e.g., Rec coaches, TSL's, tournament volunteers, etc.) which offer individuals an opportunity to cover registration costs or to give back to MYS. Please contact the MYS Administrator at admin@mcleansoccer.org for more information on these positions.

Questions – Questions about financial aid awards for Travel players may be emailed to financialaid@mcleansoccer.org.

**McLean Youth Soccer Association
ECNL/Travel Player Financial Aid Application**

Player's name: _____ Birth date: _____

Player gender and age group: _____

Team/coach names: _____

Parents' names: _____

Home address: _____

Email address: _____

Estimated gross family income for current year: \$ _____

Adjusted Gross Income from most recent tax return (Form 1040, line 37): \$ _____

Attach a signed copy of both parents' most recent Federal tax Form 1040 or similar form, supporting schedules not required unless otherwise requested.

Employer/position/years of service for:

Father _____

Mother _____

Please list any other information you wish to be considered in evaluating this application (e.g., recent changes in family income levels, employment status, or other financial hardship):

I have read the MYS Financial Aid Policy and understand that MYS registration fees must be paid in full on a timely basis for my child to be eligible to play for an MYS team. I confirm that the information provided herein is true and correct. I understand the MYS Financial Aid Committee may request additional information in consideration of this application.

Agreed to by parent (sign): _____

Name (print): _____ Date: _____
