



Seattle United Financial Aid Program & Application

Financial Aid Application due by: April 1, 2017. It is preferred that you complete the financial aid application as close to registration as possible and not wait for the deadline. Applicants will hear back from the Financial Aid Committee on a rolling basis with all by April 15, 2017. *There are no guarantees of aid even to qualified applicants when applying after the application deadline.* As part of the application you must register as a Financial Aid player and pay the commitment fee to be eligible for financial aid.

Seattle United is Proud to Offer Financial Aid and encourages all Eligible Players to Apply

A core ethic of Seattle United is to work to provide Seattle youth with an equal opportunity to access advanced development soccer without regard to a particular player or family's ability to pay. In accordance with this ethic, Seattle United has established a need-based financial aid program for players and their parents/guardians that provides full club fees (less Commitment Fee) and uniform cost waivers for eligible members when available, and in some limited cases, assistance with team fees. The program exceeds the standards established by the Seattle Youth Soccer Association (SYSA) (Regulation 7.4.4) regarding select team formation, which requires only one scholarship be provided per team. Additionally, the club provides scholarship resources via two annual fundraisers; the club-wide raffle in November and the "Raise the Paddle" at the Annual Gala/Auction in February. Seattle United policy seeks to provide assistance to each qualifying player so long as funds remain available. The Seattle United financial aid program is funded by club fundraising efforts, in-kind assistance through our Adidas and Soccer West partnerships, and club revenue as needed.

Eligibility:

The financial aid program is open to all players who (1) meet the financial criteria established by the club and (2) who live within the SYSA boundaries (current aid recipients will be grandfathered in, and aid will be made available so long as these players are aid-qualified). A player must show he or she meets the financial criteria on a complete, accurate application and provides all necessary supporting documentation. **Seattle United considers a player to live within the SYSA boundaries if their primary residence is within the SYSA boundaries.** Please find SYSA and SU boundaries on this web page: <http://seattleunited.com/resources/regional-map/>.

Award Decisions:

Seattle United Financial Aid is awarded based upon the availability of financial aid funds, the eligibility and financial needs of the applicant, and the approval of the Financial Aid Committee.

How to Apply:

The Seattle United Financial Aid Application is available on the Seattle United website, from the team manager, and copies are available at SU tryouts. **It is required that one of the following income verifications per household be provided:**

- Federal Income Tax Filing from 2016. (Copy of front and back of Form 1040 or 1040 EZ)
- Previous year W2 (2016)
- Free or Reduced Lunch letter from the public school system (2016/17 school year)

Categories of Financial Aid

There are three categories of financial aid:

1. **Partial Program Fee Waiver.** This is granted to applicants that meet income guideline qualifications as outlined in the 2016 Federal Poverty Income Chart. We will consider applicants with household and family income threshold at the 200% of the federal poverty level. (See last page of this Seattle United Financial Aid Policy)
2. **Financial Aid Uniform Process:** A financial aid recipient will receive an Award Letter from the club. Steps on how to obtain game uniforms will be included in this letter. Soccer West will contact you once the uniform is processed and ready for pickup.* **PLEASE NOTE:** *player's must first confirm with their coach their uniform number, and that the club only provides home and away game uniforms; training kits are not included as part of the FA Uniform award.*
3. **Team Fee Waiver.** Seattle United now provides all financial aid recipients with a team fee subsidy. This subsidy will now be paid at 100 percent. This fee will be paid upon request when the financial aid player's team treasurer submits a team fee subsidy request (via email) and provides a copy of the team budget. Team fee awards will be considered after Program and Uniform awards have been exhausted, and the Seattle United Financial Aid Committee may have to make qualifying adjustments based on availability of funds.

Financial Aid Recipient's Responsibilities. It is the expectation of Seattle United that recipients of financial aid demonstrate dedication through consistent attendance at team practices and games. Also, it is the responsibility of each family receiving financial aid to reciprocate through active participation by volunteering in the club and team activities.

*An aid player who leaves or quits the club must return SU game uniforms prior to being released from the club. These uniforms will then be distributed to other players in need.

After the player has been accepted on a team it is required at time of registration a financial commitment payment by E-check, debit or credit card be made. This payment will ensure the

player's spot on the team roster is held. During registration you will have the option of using a payment plan over an eight month period to pay the below Commitment Fee. Should you have questions regarding our payment plan please refer to the Accepted Players page on our web site or email the club registrar at paige@seattleunited.com.

Thus parent out of pocket payment at time of registration is as follows:

2017 Financial Aid Program Model Commitment Fee:

- Premier/Citywide: \$470
- Premier Academy (U9): \$400
- Premier Academy (U8): \$350
- Classic Select: \$305
- Community Select: \$155
- Regional Academy (U8-U9): \$255

Financial Aid Application Guidelines

1. Deadlines for submission of Financial Aid applications is April 1, 2017; the sooner the applicant can apply the sooner the Financial Aid Committee can respond with a decision.
2. To be considered for financial aid each applicant must accurately complete the Financial Aid Application. All necessary supporting documentation should be included with the application. Applications will not be processed until all necessary supporting documentation is received. All applications must contain original signatures of each applicant and a photocopy of each applicant's driver's license. **PICTURES OF APPLICATION DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
3. Financial Aid applications should be submitted to:

Seattle United Financial Aid Committee
650 S. Orcas St., Suite 220
Seattle, WA 98108

4. The information provided in the application will be kept confidential and will only be provided to members of the Financial Aid Committee and Seattle United administrative staff, and then only as necessary. Only the decision of the Financial Aid Committee will be provided to the team manager and/or treasurer. Every effort will be taken to ensure the confidentiality of the information provided in the application and supporting documents.
5. Financial Aid applications that are submitted after the posted deadline will be considered in the order in which they are received and on the basis of remaining financial aid funds.
6. Applicants will receive the decision of the Financial Aid Committee in writing mailed to the address provided in the application, usually within two to four weeks of the application deadline.
7. Financial aid is for the current season year only. Applicants receiving financial aid must apply each seasonal year.
8. All financial aid awarded may be reviewed periodically and is subject to increase or be withdrawn based upon changed financial circumstances of the applicant. Toward this end, Seattle United

may request updated financial information from any applicant awarded financial aid at any time during the seasonal year.

9. Seattle United 's Financial Aid Committee relies upon the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services annual Federal Poverty Guidelines to determine aid eligibility. ***The club uses the 200 percentile when applying aid.*** See the 2016 Federal Poverty Guideline table below.

2016 Federal Poverty Guidelines:

Household Size	100%	150%	200%
1	\$11,880	\$17,820	\$23,760
2	16,020	24,030	32,040
3	20,160	30,240	40,320
4	24,300	36,450	48,600
5	28,440	42,660	56,880
6	32,580	48,870	65,160
7	36,730	55,095	73,460
8	40,890	61,335	81,780

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.