

SOCA

Financial Assistance Program

Purpose

The purpose of the SOCA Financial Assistance Program is to offer financial support to those families with the greatest need and to provide support to qualifying applicants. One of SOCA's core values is to welcome all participants and remove barriers to participation. The Financial Assistance Program seeks to serve this important value. It is SOCA's wish to provide assistance so that children may participate in SOCA programs, based on demonstrated need and SOCA's ability to fund the subsidy.

General Information

Financial assistance is available only in the youth programs. Assistance is provided to the Travel (Premier and Classic), Challenge, Recreational and Hot Shots programs, only. There is no financial assistance available in the supplemental camp and clinic programs.

Financial assistance is applied to registration fees, only. Financial assistance does not apply to uniform or other soccer equipment expenses, tournament related expenses, travel expenses, or other expenses related to participation.

There is no full financial assistance in either the Travel or Challenge programs. All participants in these programs are required to contribute to fee payment. Partial assistance is available.

Full financial assistance is available in the Recreation and Hot Shots programs.

There are three levels of assistance available to qualifying families. Need is determined based upon participation in government public assistance programs (School Nutrition Program, Free/Reduced Lunch Program), or by documenting income within established limits. The qualifying limits that SOCA uses are those currently in place for the federally supported free and reduced meals programs in the public schools.

Application Deadlines for 2020/2021 Soccer Year

Travel Program (Elite, Premier, Classic)	July 13, 2020 (requests considered for full year)
Challenge Program: Fall season only	July 13, 2020
Challenge Program: Spring season only	January 29, 2021
Recreation Program: Fall season only	July 21, 2020
Recreation Program: Spring season only	January 29, 2021
Hot Shots Program: Fall season only	August 4, 2020
Hot Shots Program: Spring season only	February 9, 2021

Procedures

All applications for assistance must be made by completing a current SOCA Request for Financial Assistance form.

All requests will be reviewed by SOCA and a determination made immediately if possible, or within five business days.

Upon determination by SOCA, applicants will have the option to: 1) accept the offered financial assistance and pay for any balance due, 2) accept the offered financial assistance and pay the first installment of an agreed installment payment plan, 3) decline the assistance and decline to participate, 4) appeal for additional funding within five business days of original determination.

An appeal for additional funding does not guarantee nor imply additional funds will be provided. Additional funds are extremely limited. Each appeal must include all original documentation, a written narrative describing the need for additional funds, and any other documents that may support the request for additional funds.

The appeal will be reviewed by a committee of the Board of Directors. A determination and notice will be provided to the applicant as soon as possible. The applicant has an additional five business days to act upon the Committee's determination by either completing registration or declining to participate.

No player registration is considered complete until the applicant's share of the fee is paid, or full assistance is granted.

Documents Required

All applications must be accompanied by a copy of School Nutrition Program determination letter, if applicable, or copies of:

1. Most recent Form 1040, Federal Income Tax Return.
2. Four (4) most recent pay stubs from all household income earners.
3. Copies of any additional legal documents supporting the request for assistance.

All financial assistance request materials submitted to SOCA are strictly confidential.

SOCA Request for Financial Assistance: 2020-2021

1. Family Information

Player 1 Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
First Middle Last mm dd yyyy
Player 2 Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
First Middle Last mm dd yyyy
Player 3 Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
First Middle Last mm dd yyyy
Player 4 Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
First Middle Last mm dd yyyy
Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

2. Program for Which Financial Assistance is Being Requested (check one):

_____ Apprentice Program U11: \$1,325 _____ Apprentice Program U12: \$1,465
_____ Prem. & Classic Travel U14-U12: \$1,269 _____ Prem. & Classic Travel U19-U15: \$709
_____ Challenge: F=\$269; S=\$219 _____ Recreation: \$99
_____ Hot Shots \$69 _____ Other: _____

Assistance Requested (check one): _____ Specific amount \$ _____ _____ Maximum Available

3. Parent/Guardian Information

Mother's Name: _____ Phone/Email: _____

Father's Name: _____ Phone/Email: _____

4. Household Size (number of all persons living at the player's home): _____

5. Household Income Information

Father's Total Annual Income: \$ _____

Mother's Total Annual Income: \$ _____

Other Income Earners' Total Annual Income: \$ _____

Annual Child Support: \$ _____

Annual Alimony: \$ _____

Other Income: \$ _____

Total Household Annual Income \$ _____

6. Does the Player's Household Receive Federal School Nutrition Program Benefits (check one):

_____ Yes _____ No

If "Yes", a copy of your School Nutrition Program determination Letter must be provided.

If "No", provide a copy of the following documents with your Request for Financial Assistance:

1. Most recent Form1040: Federal Income Tax Return.
2. Four (4) most recent pay stubs from all household income earners.
3. Copies of any additional legal documents supporting your request.

7. I certify that all information and materials provided in this request for financial assistance are true to the best of my knowledge.