

Bloomington Fastpitch Association

Financial Assistance Policy

Bloomington Fastpitch Association (BFA) seeks to provide recreation programs for traveling fastpitch sports participants. This policy and procedure establishes a program which may provide financial assistance in the form of a need-based scholarship equal to up to 50% of the player registration fees.

Qualifying Criteria

- Qualify for school “Free or Reduced Meal Program or demonstrate a financial hardship
- Players living in or attending school in ISD 271 (“Bloomington Players”) will receive priority consideration.
- Non-Bloomington Players will be considered after Bloomington Player applicants and to the extent funds budgeted for scholarships remain available.
- Bloomington Players placed on a Clutch Hitters team can apply for assistance based on the BFA registration fee that age level.
- Applicant is current on any and all charges
- Applicant has met all prior year volunteer obligations
- Applicant prior payment history is taken into consideration for approval

Recipient Obligations

- The balance due after application of the approved scholarship shall be paid as follows.
 - Summer Season: 1/3 with registration, 1/3 on or before April 1, and 1/3 on or before June 1.
 - Fall Season: full balance due at registration.
- A payment is late if it is not postmarked at least 2 business days prior to the payment due date.
- Late payments are subject to a \$10 Late Fee.
- All payments must be current for the player to participate in try-outs.
- In the event of a missed payment after try-outs and team placement the player will be allowed to attend practice and participate in league games but will not be allowed tournament play until payment is received and may be subject to loss of their roster position.

Application Procedure

- All information requested in the Financial Assistance Application Form must be submitted with proof of enrollment in free/reduced lunch program, or proof of income, or explanation of recent hardship, i.e. loss of job, major illness/injury etc., and the completed registration form for each player applying for financial assistance.
- BFA cannot guarantee, but will use reasonable care to keep the information provided confidential.
- Failure to provide complete information may result in denial of the application
- All information provided must be true and accurate. Providing false information may result in immediate cancellation of any financial assistance and suspension from BFA for all participating members of the applicants’ family for the balance of the season.
- Completed applications can be submitted to the Board (address on registration form) attention President or Treasurer during the early registration period or at one of the two scheduled registration events.
- Applications are for a designated registration period and must be resubmitted for any subsequent requests.
- The number and amount of scholarship assistance is limited by the BFA budget funds available.
- Scholarships are awarded on a first come / first serve basis subject to the outlined Qualification Criteria.
- All forms plus payment of fees above and beyond the financial assistance provided must be paid in full on the registration deadline.
- Late or incomplete submissions may result in a participant not being placed on a team if team positions are filled prior to complete submission.

Bloomington Fastpitch Association Financial Assistance Application

Parents Name: _____

Player Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

This form must be accompanied by proof of enrollment in the free/reduced lunch program at your school, or proof of income, or explanation of financial hardship.

Option 1

If this request is due to a short term financial hardship, please provide an explanation of the hardship or recent income change in the area provided below, or attach to this form and skip to the Terms Acknowledgement on the last page.

Option 2

If you qualify for the free or reduced lunch program and provide an award letter from the school or school district office as proof, complete this section and you can skip to the Terms Acknowledgement on the last page.

1. My child receives reduced school lunches. Yes No
2. My child receives free school lunches. Yes No
3. Number of people living in your household? Adults _____ Children _____

Player/Participant First & Last name	School Attending	Date of Birth	Grade	Amount (<i>BFA use only</i>)

Option 3

Only complete this step if Option 1 does not apply and you cannot provide the award letter per Option 2.

List the members of your household that contribute to the household income.

Name	Phone	Email	Employer	Employer Phone	Monthly Gross Income

Record amounts of total monthly gross income of the household in which the child lives at least 51% of the time. Provide proof of current three (3) months of pay stubs with year to date figures, recent tax statement.

Monthly Gross Income: \$ _____
Child Support: \$ _____
Food Assistance (SNAP, WIC etc.): \$ _____
Child Support: \$ _____
Other Income: \$ _____

Total all income sources: \$ _____

Terms Acknowledgement

If payment as agreed is not received by the registration deadline, there is no guarantee that we can hold a place on a team for a participant.

Non-payment of fees above and beyond the BFA financial assistance in the amount and on the date agreed may result in player/family ineligibility until payment is received or the balance of the season.

I certify that I have read and understand the information on this form, and that the information submitted is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize BFA to have access to any records, public or private, including employer, which will substantiate, verify, or refute the information contained in this application.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

The following portion is for BFA Board use only

<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of free/reduced lunch award letter from child's school or school district office (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of income per Step 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed Financial Assistance Application form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Detailed explanation of financial hardship (if applicable)

Approved

Signature of BFA President

Date

Signature of BFA Treasurer

Date