

# **EDINA SOCCER CLUB**

# **Financial Aid Policy**

Edina Soccer Club strives to provide an affordable and competitive youth soccer program for all participants. Financial aid is available for those that may be prevented from participation due to income or special needs limitations. There is a finite amount of aid available each year, based on what the annual budget allows. Application does not guarantee financial aid and ESC may not be able to assist with the amount of aid requested.

#### **PROCESS**

Financial aid applications should be made at the time of registration. We require Proof of need (most recent year's Federal Tax Return) which should be submitted at time of registration. Applications will be reviewed and financial aid amount will be determined in August for the upcoming soccer year. Applications received after the July registration deadline will be reviewed as they are received, and grants will be made only if money is still available for the year.

### FINANCIAL AID AMOUNT

Need is determined by income level, family size, and extenuating circumstances. Aid will be awarded in the following increments: 25%, 50%, 75% or 90%. 90% aid will rarely be granted and only in extreme cases of need. A payment plan option is utilized where needed. If payments are not kept up to date, or any of the requirements outlined in this document and financial aid application are not met, ESC may terminate ties with player at any time during the year.

Aid will cover a percentage of ESC club fees, coaching fees, tournament fees, and winter training fees.

Aid does not cover and all players are expected to pay for the following:

- Required uniform package
- Tournament travel related costs for player (transportation, hotel, and meals)
- Any ancillary team funding
- Any optional special order items like warm-ups, backpacks, etc

Families who do not fulfill their payment agreement will not be eligible for aid in subsequent years.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

ESC will maintain application information in the strictest confidence. Committee review will be done based on need information only. Applications will be kept on file for audit records.