

Financial Aid Information

Prior to the 2013-2014 season, CLBL did not require any official documentation from those requesting aid to substantiate need; starting with the 2013 – 2014 season, CLBL has changed its financial assistance process to require documentation of need for financial assistance. This change has been made to ensure that those families / players in the greatest need of assistance have access to scholarship funds. Documentation that will be accepted includes, but will be not limited to, the following ...

- Current proof of eligibility for free or reduced lunch programs
- Current proof of eligibility for food stamps
- Current proof of eligibility for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Program
- Current proof of eligibility for Aid for Dependent Children (ADC) Program
- Current proof of eligibility for Social Security Disability (SSD) Program
- Current proof of eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program
- Current proof of eligibility for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program
- Current proof of eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) Program
- Current documentation that child to be registered is in foster care / is a ward of the state
- Current documentation that child to be registered receives Medicaid medical coverage

As noted above, this is not an exhaustive list, and other forms of documentation of financial need will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The Scholarship Committee will be the final arbiter of the validity of any alternative documentation provided.

In terms of the request for financial assistance itself, the process is fairly straightforward ...

1. The parent / guardian / responsible adult will need to build a formal request for financial aid for the children in their care that they intend to register (a sample is included [here](#)). The following information is required:

- Names, ages, and grades (for the 2019-2020 school year) of all children that are to be registered
- A brief explanation as to why financial aid is needed
- A declaration of the portion of the fees that the parent / guardian / responsible adult is able to pay
- An electronic copy of one or more of the documentation items detailed above (if electronic copy is not available, delivery of documentation can be arranged with the [Registrar](#))

2. The formal request for financial assistance must then be sent via e-mail to the [Registrar](#)

3. Once received by the Registrar, the request will undergo its initial review

- If request for financial assistance is complete, the request will be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee for final review
- If request for financial assistance is incomplete, the request will be send back to the requestor to be completed, and will be sent on to the Committee once a complete request is received

4. The Scholarship Committee will review all complete requests, and will direct the Registrar as to the level of assistance that is to be awarded.

5. The Registrar will provide scholarship information as well as the appropriate discount codes to be used for online registration via CLBL's SportsEngine site to those requestors that qualify for assistance.

All requests for financial assistance will be kept **confidential**, and access to financial assistance requests will be limited **exclusively to the Registrar and the Scholarship Committee**. Once a decision has been rendered on a family's financial assistance request, copies of financial need documentation will be queued to be deleted and expunged from our systems once registration of those children is complete.

PLEASE NOTE – a request for financial assistance does not guarantee that aid will be awarded, but we will do our best to accommodate as many children in need as possible.