

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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The primary criterion for qualifying for financial assistance is eligibility/participation in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Applications for financial assistance must be made by a player's parent or guardian. Financial assistance applications will be held in confidence between the parent/guardian and RYSA. Applications must be made in writing to the RYSA Traveling Soccer Treasurer, using the form available on the RYSA web site, and be postmarked within one business day of the end of the registration period for the season that financial aid is requested. It is expected that 20% of the player's registration fee will be paid (or a payment plan initiated) during the registration process for families submitting financial assistance applications.

The Treasurer and RYSA Executive Director shall review all applications and make recommendations to the Travel Committee for the disbursement of awards. There is a limited amount of funds available; therefore, they will be equitably disbursed to all qualifying players. It is possible that if a large number of requests are granted that each individual's award may be less than the amount requested. Upon Travel Committee approval, each family will be notified of the amount of the award and will have two business days to confirm their commitment to play travel soccer. Please note that receipt of financial assistance for a season does not guarantee that financial assistance will be provided subsequent seasons; a request must be submitted for each season.

RYSA Travel Soccer REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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PLAYER INFORMATION

Name	
Birth Date	

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Name	
Phone Number	
E-mail Address	

REQUEST INFORMATION

Travel Soccer Season (e.g., Spring 2010)	
Amount of Assistance Requested	= \$

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION. Within one business day of the end of the registration period for the season that financial aid is requested. Scanning & e-mailing is acceptable.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE LETTER. Please submit a copy of your letter of eligibility for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program with this request. This eligibility is the primary means that RYSA uses for qualifying individuals for financial assistance.

FAMILY EXPECTATIONS. It is expected that a family receiving financial assistance will not only abide by the Player and Parent Responsibilities outlined in the RYSA Travel Manual, but will also volunteer for at least one RYSA volunteer opportunity that is not related to the RYSA sponsored soccer tournament (e.g., setting up nets at the start of the season). Failure to meet these expectations may result in a lack of future consideration for financial assistance.

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read this form and understand the limits of RYSA financial assistance, that there may still be team fees to pay in addition to the registration fee, and that there are certain expectations that I must meet as a recipient of financial assistance.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Mail to: RYSA Travel Treasurer, PO Box 6402, Rochester, MN 55903
 Questions: rysadirector@gmail.com