



General Information about the South Mississippi Soccer Club Financial Aid Program

South Mississippi Soccer Club (“the Club”) believes that any player with the ability and interest to play competitive soccer should be able to play regardless of their financial situation. The Club has an ongoing assistance program combined with many fundraising opportunities to enable players to defray much of their club fees.

Financial Aid application forms are available online or from the Team Manager or the club Executive Director.

Financial Aid are generally granted to individuals based on a demonstrated financial need, the commitment to participate in club, team and individual fundraising activities, and volunteer history. Each application is confidentially reviewed and discussed by the Financial Aid Committee. The amount of assistance awarded is decided on a case-by-case basis. In the past, most Financial Aid have been granted to players that would not have otherwise been able to pay all of their club fees for fall and/or spring seasons.

The South Mississippi Soccer Club Financial Aid Program is conducted in accordance with applicable NCAA Rules.

The Financial Aid Committee consists of the SMSC Treasurer and at least one other Board member. All scholarship requests are confidential. Only the Scholarship Committee members and the Executive of the Board of Directors will have knowledge of those awarded scholarships.

A completed Financial Aid request form should be mailed to:

SMSC Financial Aid
Attn: John Charman
PO Box 6035
Gulfport, MS 39506

This form may be used for both Recreation and Select program applications.

Upon approval of the financial aid by the committee and ratification by the Executive of the Board of Directors, the SMSC Club Bookkeeper will process the award by notifying the player’s parent(s) or guardian(s) of the amount of which will be credited to the player’s Club account. If a financial aid request is denied, then a member of the Financial Aid Committee will contact the player’s parent(s) or guardian(s) in a timely manner to inform for the reason for denying the request. The Financial Aid Committee will send a follow up email to confirm the reason for denying a scholarship and a copy of the letter will be kept in the Financial Aid Committee files for future reference. Please contact the SMSC Executive Director if you have questions about the SMSC Financial Aid Program.

NOTE: SMSC Select Financial Aid is only available to cover registration fees. Financial Aid application may not be made to cover additional incurred expense such as travel or equipment. REC scholarship awards may cover all or a portion of REC registration costs only. Special circumstances outside these parameters will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Financial Aid Applications are due July 15 2020 for SELECT ; Applications received after this date will be considered after November 15, 2020. Applications will not be accepted after November 15, 2020.

REC applications will be received and reviewed until September 10th, 2020.



SOUTH MISSISSIPPI SC FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

PURPOSE: To assist in providing financial aid or assistance to SMSC players who would not otherwise be able to play Recreational or Competitive soccer.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible to apply for financial assistance, a player/family must:

1. Be selected and/or registered as an SMSC player;
2. Be willing to discuss personal financial matters with a member of the Financial Aid Committee;
3. Agree to participate in future club and team fundraisers;
4. Be willing to make monthly payments to pay remaining soccer expenses if it is decided this is the best way to coordinate with financial assistance monies provided;
5. Be willing to provide volunteer hours if requested by the Financial Aid Committee to SMSC. Volunteer hours will be recorded and reviewed during the process going forward.

Player's Name: _____ Team: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Parent 1/Guardian1 Employer AND Annual Income: _____ \$ _____

Parent 2/Guardian 2 Employer AND Annual Income: _____ \$ _____

Are you applying as a single income household? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, are you responsible for the player's entire fee? YES _____ NO _____

If no, what percentage of the total amount will you be responsible for? _____%

Number of people in household: _____ Number of children playing soccer: _____

Number of children playing for SMSC: _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

1. Application form
2. A separate letter stating the reason(s) financial assistance is needed
3. SMSC Volunteer Form
 - a. Please list the events or tasks parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or player(s) will participate in. This form MUST be completed in order to be eligible for a scholarship.

If my child decides to leave the team for another club, I understand that I will be responsible to pay all the financial aid amount awarded back to SMSC before my child will be allowed to transfer. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided above is accurate and truthful.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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**SMSC VOLUNTEER FORM
2020 - 2021**

Player's Name: _____ Team: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

EVENTS

To include field marshalling, parking assistance, event & facility management

OTHER

- Various Club fundraisers
- Team positions – Manager, Treasurer, Travel Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator
- Tryout volunteer

Please list events / positions for which you would be willing to volunteer:
