



Northern Chautauqua Soccer Association Financial Aid Policy (March 13, 2018)

1. The Northern Chautauqua Soccer Association (NCSA) will maintain a financial aid fund in the NCSA bank account. The purpose of this fund is to assist families with low income who may need financial assistance for their children to participate in NCSA soccer activities (both competitive and recreational leagues). The fund will be funded by donations and supplemented through the NCSA budget, as necessary and determined by the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors will administer the fund
3. Financial aid monies will be granted based on qualification criteria set by the Board of Directors as well as monies available at any given time. The qualification criteria will include gross income and family size, and may include other criteria, such as families with low incomes and multiple children participating. Determination of an applicant's qualification will be based on an established sliding scale of income set by the Board of Directors. The sliding scale of income may be modified from year to year for cost of living adjustments.
4. Financial aid is granted each year and for both the competitive and recreational leagues. Therefore, a new application must be submitted each year. It should not be assumed that a family qualifying in one year or for one league automatically qualifies for each subsequent request for aid.
5. Financial aid will be granted to cover either full or partial registration fees. Any additional expenses such as travel-related expenses or uniforms are the responsibility of the family.
6. After all qualified applicants are awarded financial aid, any remaining funds shall be held for future financial aid use. Monies donated to NCSA specifically for financial aid cannot be repurposed. However, money supplemented through the NCSA budget may be repurposed by a vote of the Board of Directors. Donated money will be used prior to any supplemental money.
7. Financial aid application forms will be available through NCSA's .
8. Late applications will only be evaluated if there are funds available.
9. All applicants will receive a response to their application in writing from the Board of Directors and/or online registration system
10. All data submitted is confidential and will only be available to the Board of Directors and used solely to determine eligibility for financial aid and for no other purposes.
11. To be eligible for financial aid, all applicants and their parents/guardians agree to participate in team practices, games, team duties, and all other regular team activities.