



**Delaware Soccer Club  
Financial Aid Guidelines  
House and Travel Leagues**



The Delaware Soccer Club (DSC) will offer financial aid for DSC House/Travel Soccer Fees, to the extent possible, to those families demonstrating financial need. If you are unable to afford the full cost of the DSC House/Travel Soccer Fees, please complete the confidential application form and return it, along with the required documentation.

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

A completed financial aid application for each player must be submitted before the deadline and contain all the items listed below: 1) A completed and signed Application for House/Travel Soccer Financial Aid, and 2) A copy of one of the supporting documents listed in the application. Incomplete applications cannot be reviewed. Financial Aid Applications that are submitted after the posted deadline will be considered in the order in which they are received and on the basis of remaining financial aid funds.

**HOW DOES DSC AWARD FINANCIAL AID?**

DSC uses the US Government Federal Poverty Guidelines for decisions on awarding Financial Aid (see grid below). Financial aid awards will be based on the number of players demonstrating need, the extent of that need, and the budget available for financial aid in a given year.

Please keep in mind the club will try to address as much of the need as possible; however, financial aid funds are limited in availability and will run out, so please submit your application as soon as possible to improve your chances of being awarded aid.

1st priority for Awarding Financial Aid: Those family incomes at 125% of poverty level or below.

2nd priority for Awarding Financial Aid: Those family incomes at 126%-150% of poverty level. Financial Aid awards may only be partial awards in this category.

3rd priority for Awarding Financial Aid: Those family incomes at 151%-175% of poverty level. Financial Aid awards may only be partial awards in this category.

Priority is continued as above up to 250% of poverty level, while financial aid money is still available. Financial Aid Awards in these categories will only be partial awards.

**Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines:** <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

<b>Persons in family/household</b>	<b>Poverty guideline</b>
1	\$12,140
2	\$16,460
3	\$20,780
4	\$25,100
5	\$29,420
6	\$33,740
7	\$38,060
8	\$42,380

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,320 for each additional person.

## HOW MUCH FINANCIAL AID IS AWARDED AND WHAT DOES IT COVER?

Various levels of financial aid are awarded (see above). A “full scholarship” includes all registration fees and any required uniform kits. This essentially covers all necessary expenses other than travel costs. Optional DSC apparel, optional team tournaments or leagues, etc. would remain the family’s responsibility. Partial awards cover most or some of the registration fee and required uniform kits. Families are then responsible for paying the additional fees that remain.

Optional uniform pieces, optional leagues/tournament, and/or optional camps/clinics run by the club ARE NOT covered by financial aid

Please keep in mind the amount of Financial Aid money that can be awarded each year varies and is limited. Being awarded financial aid one year does not guarantee financial aid will be awarded in subsequent years.

## WHEN ARE PAYMENTS DUE?

HOUSE PLAYERS: Upon notification of your scholarship, the remaining balance must be paid prior to the start of the season.

TRAVEL PLAYERS: Upon notification of your scholarship, a deposit is due immediately with a monthly payment plan available for the remaining balance. All fees must be paid in full by Mar. 1

## ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Applications should be returned as quickly as possible. Financial Aid is awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis within described income brackets. Submission of an application does not guarantee assistance will be provided.

Financial Aid is not granted until this request is processed, the family is notified AND the financial aid award is accepted.

If the financial aid applicant was a previous Delaware Travel Soccer or Delaware House member, then the applicant must be a member in “good standing” in order to be considered for financial aid. The term “good standing” applies to previous members that had no outstanding unpaid debts to DSC or no disciplinary issues.

It is the expectation of DSC that recipients of financial aid demonstrate dedication through consistent attendance at all team practices, games, team duties and all other regular team activities. Failure to adhere to these guidelines can result in the forfeiture of the financial aid award. It is also the expectation of DSC that recipients of financial aid agree to actively participate in future team and club fundraisers and contribute volunteer time to your child’s team. It is expected that the player attend at least 80% of the practices and 85% of the games/tournaments. Approval for DSC financial aid does not guarantee a right to continued participation.

All applicants must re-apply each season.

For further information, please call Delaware Soccer Club any weekday between 8am-8pm at 716-833-3616 or email the office at: [office@delawaresoccerclub.com](mailto:office@delawaresoccerclub.com). Office walk-in hours are currently Tues/Weds/Thurs, 9am-12pm.

Thank you for playing with Delaware Soccer Club!