



# Sound Football Club

## Financial Aid Application

### Financial Aid Policy

Sound Football Club (Sound FC) grants financial aid based on families' financial need. Our intent is to make sure that income level is not a barrier in access to the ability to play Premier soccer.

Sound FC financial aid is open to all players in need. Sound FC does not discriminate based on age, sex, sexual orientation, race or religion. Sound FC does not use financial aid as a recruiting tool for specific teams. Financial aid is awarded on an annual basis.

#### Players must reapply every year.

Sound FC has limited financial aid available and therefore we want to make sure that the financial aid recipients understand the responsibilities involved in accepting aid and an offer to play with a Sound FC team. Players who are provided financial aid are expected to meet the club-wide player expectations: play hard, make all club events, practices and games and contribute to the team. Failure to fulfill the club and coach's expectations and make payments on time can lead to a revoking of financial aid. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the Sound FC Financial Aid Committee.

Sound FC financial aid reduces the total club fees for qualifying players. Players who live in households with incomes 200% or less of the Federal Poverty Level qualify for a reduced club fee.

The club fee can be paid in full at the time of registration or with an auto payment plan over nine months.

The club fee includes RCL league fees. Each player can expect to pay an additional \$200-\$800+ in team fees to cover specific team expenses like State Cup, tournament fees and team travel expenses. The higher figure is for teams who travel to out-of-state tournaments. A uniform must also be purchased for approximately \$400+. Uniforms are purchased through a third-party vendor and must be paid for at the time of purchase.

If your family is awarded financial assistance, it will **NOT** cover all the expenses related to premier soccer. You are expected to meet with your Team Treasurer to develop a payment plan for team expenses for tournaments, travel, additional miscellaneous fees, etc.

### Instructions

Please use the Income Eligibility Chart on the next page as a guideline to determine whether you may be eligible for Sound FC financial aid. In cases of hardship or unexpected events, an appeal can be made to the Sound FC Financial Aid Committee for assistance or waiver of a portion of any fees.

### Documents Needed

- Completed 2020-2021 Financial Aid Application.

- Copy of the family IRS Form 1040 (or Form 1040s) for 2019 which claims the participant as a dependent on their tax return (i.e. if married filing separately both parent’s Form 1040s must be included, if divorced the parent who claims the participant as a dependent for 2019 must be provided), including all W-2s, 1099s and other documents that support total annual income. If the family IRS Form 1040 for 2019 is not yet available the Form 1040 for the prior year (2018) must be turned in with all the 2019 W-2s, 1099s and other documents that support total annual income. *Please black out your SS# / TIN# before sending in your forms.*
- Families with exceptional hardship may be considered for further financial support regarding uniforms and team fees by providing a letter with details of hardship.

Please be aware that incomplete applications will **not** be considered.

Office staff is available to help you if you need assistance.

Scan and email completed applications to:

Sound Football Club

[registrar@northshoresoccer.org](mailto:registrar@northshoresoccer.org)

Questions?

Contact Jane Shumway, Association Registrar

[registrar@northshoresoccer.org](mailto:registrar@northshoresoccer.org)

For assistance in Spanish

Contact Carolina Pinzon

[cpinzon@soundfc.org](mailto:cpinzon@soundfc.org)

## Privacy

Applications and financial data are held confidential. Information can and likely will be shared with members of the Sound FC Financial Aid Committee, Team Manager and/or Treasurer and members of the Board of Directors.

### 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Household Size**	100%	200%*	Monthly Income
1	\$12,760	\$25,520	\$2,127
2	\$17,240	\$34,480	\$2,873
3	\$21,720	\$43,440	\$3,620
4	\$26,200	\$52,400	\$4,367
5	\$30,680	\$61,360	\$5,113
6	\$35,160	\$70,320	\$5,860
7	\$39,640	\$79,280	\$6,607
8	\$44,120	\$88,240	\$7,353

*Source: Department of Health and Human Services*

\*Annual income used by club - defined as total income per line 22 on the IRS Form 1040

\*\*Household size defined as total number of exemptions per line 6 on the IRS Form 1040

## Sound FC Financial Aid Application

Player Name:	Team Name:	Date of Birth:
Name(s) of Other Sound FC Siblings:		Date of Birth:
Parent/Guardian 1 Name:	Parent/Guardian 2 Name:	
Address:	City:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	
2019 Annual Household Income	Household Size	
Current Monthly Household Income	Child Support	Other Income
Amount You Are Able to Pay Per Player ( <b>Minimum \$1,000</b> )		

I attest that I understand the financial aid policy and agree to fulfill the expectations and responsibilities stated in that policy.

**Policy and Expectations:** Sound FC financial assistance is open to all players in need. Sound FC does not discriminate based on age, sex, sexual orientation, race or religion. Sound FC does not use financial aid as a recruiting tool for specific teams. Our goal is to provide opportunities to any player who may not be able to afford the cost of playing for Sound FC.

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I certify that all the information contained in and submitted with this application is true and correct, and that all sources of earned and passive income are reported. I understand that I am submitting this information as part of an application for a reduced club fee, that Sound FC officials may verify this information, and that deliberate misrepresentation or omission of information may jeopardize my chances of receiving such funds.

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Parent/Guardian 1 Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian 2 Signature

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Date

Reduced Fee Amount:	Approved:	Notified:
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