

# **BIG LAKE SOCCER ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM**

## **About BLSA Financial Aid**

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Our soccer program has grown considerably over the past few years and as we have grown, we realize the need to provide families with this opportunity.

**February 1, 2015** is the financial aid application deadline for Spring Traveling U9-U19.

**March 1, 2015** is the financial aid application deadline for In-House U5-U10.

**August 15, 2015** is the financial aid application deadline for Fall Traveling U9-U12.

# 2014 FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM U9-U19

## **BACKGROUND**

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## **FINANCIAL AID AWARDS**

Financial aid ranges in value according to need, family income, number of family members, and player's age. We try to offer at least some assistance to everyone who has need, but budget limits may not allow us to give everyone the level of aid that they feel they need. If you need more help meeting soccer expenses, please contact our treasurer. Sometimes donations allow us to give extra awards and there may be additional fundraising opportunities besides those your team organizes. If children in your family get school lunch program assistance, some financial aid should be available. If your children are not eligible for free or reduced lunch, you might still be eligible for a financial aid. If you feel that you need a financial aid to meet your soccer expenses, you should submit an application. We will consider special circumstances, such as large medical expenses not covered by insurance, loss of income due to illness or unemployment, etc. Be sure to attach an explanation if you have circumstances like these that we should know about. If you receive a financial aid, it will be used to pay membership dues. You are responsible for paying other expenses the financial aid award does not cover.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Club Administrator and the Club Treasurer will be aware of the amount of financial aid a player receives. We carefully protect your privacy; only the Treasurer will see the financial information and will keep it strictly confidential.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE U5-U19

1. **Fill out Part 1** of the application. Include information for up to two (2) BLSA players in your household (excludes 4 yr. old program).
  
2. **Fill out Part 2** of the application. Make sure to sign and date.
  
3. **Gather supporting materials.** Make copies of your latest Federal and State income tax returns, which are the best proof of income and family size. If you do not have these, you can use copies of other documents from the following list, but we may ask you for the income tax forms if the other documents do not give us enough information.
  - Current paycheck stubs for all earners in household
  - Proof of eligibility for school lunch program or other assistance
  - Financial aid application and award statement from private/parochial school
  - Statement of extraordinary circumstances that make it difficult to pay club membership dues.
  
4. **Mail application and supporting materials to BLSA Treasurer** by the application deadline. This information will be kept strictly confidential. BLSA mailing address:

BLSA Treasurer  
PO Box 391  
Big Lake MN 55309

Please Note: Selections are made on a case by case basis and your submission does not guarantee a financial aid award.

# FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

## U5-U19 Part 1

### PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### PLAYER 1:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group (circle)      **U5 U6 U7 U8 U9 U10 U11 U12 U13 U14 U15 U16 U17 U18 U19**

Gender (circle)      **M      F**

### PLAYER 2:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group (circle)      **U5 U6 U7 U8 U9 U10 U11 U12 U13 U14 U15 U16 U17 U18 U19**

Gender (circle)      **M      F**

# FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

## U9-U19 Part 2 (Confidential)

### PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### 2nd PARENT OR GUARDIAN: *(if child/children do not live with both parents)*

First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### PLAYERS

Player 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

### INCOME:

Household income (before taxes) \_\_\_\_\_  
How many are supported by income? \_\_\_\_\_

### ASSISTANCE RECEIVED:

Child support?	Yes No
Subsidized housing?	Yes No
Food stamps?	Yes No
Medical assistance?	Yes No
Free school lunch	Yes No
Reduced school lunch?	Yes No
School tuition assistance?	Yes No
Other (describe)	_____

# FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

## U5-U19 Part 2 (Confidential)

All statements in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature

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Date

Big Lake Soccer Association  
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