

Confidential Application for Financial Assistance



Applicant Information

Guidelines

Please send this form and a letter from a parent explaining your financial situation:

West Academy Requests Only

MTA West – Attn: Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 41534

Plymouth, MN 55441

Financial assistance decisions are need-based and are made by a committee.

Name

Submitting this form does not guarantee any assistance. Should financial assistance be awarded to you, the following provisions are expected to be met:

1. The player is expected to participate in all fundraising activities.
2. The player will make soccer a priority and do his/her best to attend as many training sessions, games and team functions as possible.

We understand the preceding provisions and agree to meet them. We agree that all statements on this application are true to the best of our knowledge.

Player Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Information

This section is to be completed by parents. If parents are separated or divorced, it is to be completed by the custodial parent.

- Father
 Stepfather

- Legal Guardian
 Other (specify) _____

- Mother
 Stepmother

- Legal Guardian
 Other (specify) _____

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Employer

Occupation

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Assistance Request

Each team with MTA West has a different budget based on the age of the players, level of the team, number of proposed tournaments and various other factors. Families are responsible for payment of uniform and team specific fees.

In order to make playing for MTA feasible for my family, we request financial assistance that covers: (please indicate box)

- 75% of the players registration fee
 50% of the players registration fee
 25% of the players registration fee
 any funding available for registration fee

For which season and age group are you requesting assistance for the player? Age Group _____
____ Spring/Summer Registration ____ Fall Registration ____ Winter Training Registration

Please indicate which of the following you have attached:

____ Pay Stub ____ Tax Return ____ Proof of Other Financial Assistance

*****Please attach a written explanation for your request (*this is a requirement for the consideration of all applications*)**

Scholarship Policy & Guidelines

Minnesota Thunder Academy is committed to providing high-quality youth soccer that is accessible to everyone. This Scholarship covers registration fees only; team expenses, including but not limited to coaching fees, indoor training rental fees and tournament fees, are the responsibility of the applicant. MTA shall uphold the following guidelines:

1. **Inclusion.** If at all possible, no qualified player should be denied participation on a team due to financial hardship.
2. **Partial Payment.** MTA shall attempt to collect and the responsible adults (parents and/or guardians) shall attempt to pay a minimum of 25% of club registration fees for scholarship players.
3. **Volunteer Time.** MTA shall expect each player and/or guardian to volunteer time to MTA.
4. **Written Request.** Responsible adults (parents/guardians) shall apply in writing via letter or application form supplied by MTA. Primary application periods will be in August (prior to formation of Fall season teams) and November (prior to formation of Summer teams)
5. **Proof of Need.** Responsible adults seeking scholarships should attempt to provide proof of need (such as, income tax records, payment stubs, social security, public assistance record, school lunch subsidy records, etc.) In the absence of such records, the team manager and coach shall co-write a statement verifying need. This proof will not be duplicated. Any information will be returned with a confirmation letter.
6. **Factors to Consider.** MTA shall attempt to provide appropriate funding for all applicants. When more requests are received than funds can cover, MTA should consider (but not be limited to) such funding priorities as:
 - player's relevant history as MTA participant
 - risk of losing an MTA team without scholarship player(s) on the roster
 - scholarship funds benefiting as many MTA teams as possible

Note: Factors listed in Item 5 are *considerations* for MTA Scholarship Committee and are not intended as the only relevant criteria for awarding scholarships when funds are limited.

7. **Privacy.** MTA shall attempt to maintain privacy of scholarship applicants and recipients. The identities of applicant and recipients shall be shared on a "need to know" basis among Board members, coaches, managers, etc. who may be involved in appropriately carrying out the business of running MTA or an MTA team.