

NRU PLAYER GRANT POLICY & PROGRAM
2026 - 2027

NRU maintains a policy of providing need-based grants to offset a portion of NRU registration fees for participation in the youth House/Rec and Academy programs. It is the intent of NRU to administer the grant application and award process in a manner consistent with keeping all personal family information as confidential as is feasible.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEED

The NRU grant program is operated on the basis of individual-need (grant funds are not distributed to teams for distribution). Need is established by comparing the applicants most recent 1040 tax form (year-end tax information) to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines. A family can qualify for grants offsetting different percentages of cost, based on a multipliers of the poverty guidelines as follows:

If you make less than the federal poverty level times this multiplier...	You are qualified to receive grants offsetting this percentage	Example: travel soccer grant/refund up to
1.0	95%	
1.5	75%	
2.0	50%	
2.5	25%	

For example, according to 2026 HHS guidelines, a family of 4 making less than \$33,000 is considered to be in poverty. Therefore, according to the NRU policy, a family of 4 making less than \$49,500 (\$33,000 x 1.5) would qualify for Grants offsetting up to 75% of registration fees.

2026 HHS Poverty Guidelines	
Persons in Family	State of Virginia
1	\$15,960
2	21,640
3	27,320
4	33,000
5	38,680
6	44,360
7	50,040
8	55,720
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,680 for each additional person.	

GRANT APPLICATION AND AWARD DECISION MAKING

The applicant will complete online registration. The Applicant will then complete the grant application for the House/Rec, Travel or Academy Program, attach a copy of their latest 1040 tax form, and submit forms along with payment of the House/Rec/Travel or Academy Registration Fee to NRU. All forms and payment must be received at the NRU office no later than August 15,, 2026 to be considered for the 2026 Fall season and March 1, 2027 for Spring season. Decisions will be made, and applicants contacted within one week of submission. If the grant is awarded, the registration fee will be reimbursed to the applicant.

To the extent that grant funds are available for the pending soccer season, Grant award decisions will be made on a first-apply, first-awarded basis according to the procedures specified above. These procedures are administered by the NRU Grant Committee. The Grant Committee is an ad hoc committee formed by the NRU President comprised of the NRU President (or designate), the NRU Treasurer, and member of the NRU Board of Directors appointed by the Board of Directors.

GRANT BUDGET

Awards from the NRU Grant Program shall draw from the NRU Grant Budget. The Grant Budget will be established on an annual basis as part of the overall NRU budget. All grant awards shall be specifically accounted for within the association's financial accounting system.