

Vienna Youth Soccer (VYS) Financial Aid Policy

Approved on:

Objective

This policy applies to all players ages 3-19 in VYS and is issued by the VYS Board of Directors with the intent of providing everyone the opportunity to be part of the VYS program, regardless of their family's financial status.

Subject to the availability of funds, VYS will offer financial aid based on a defined set of factors. All award decisions are made at the sole discretion of VYS. The application and aid information will be kept confidential.¹

VYS Fees Eligible for Assistance

There are four types of fees and expenditures necessary to participate in the VYS soccer programs:

- 1) **Club Fees:** These are centralized fees paid directly through the VYS registration system and apply to the House League, House Programs (including Winter Programs, U4 Cubs, Development Center and Goalkeeper Programs), Summer Camps and Travel Academy program. Subject to each qualifying player paying the fees listed below:
 - House League = 20% of price at the time of registration
 - House Programs = 20% at the time of registration
 - Summer Camps = 75% of the total fee for a maximum of one week of camp per summer
 - Travel Academy = Varies based on level of need as listed at Travel Academy Tiers below
- 2) **Travel Academy Team Fees:** These are individual team expenses not covered by the Club Fees and handled via a payment process determined by each individual team. Team Fees apply only to the Travel Academy Program and are eligible for up 90% reimbursement, Reference the Travel Academy Tiers below for various levels of aid.
- 3) **Uniform Fees:** These are fees to purchase the required VYS uniform kit. Parents/guardians purchase the VYS uniform kit through <https://www.pjsoccerlacrosse.com/>.
 - **Travel Academy** – Basic Uniform Kit is covered as part of the financial aid program once every buy year and for new players receiving financial aid in a non-buy year.
 - **House League U13-U19** – House jerseys are covered as part of the financial aid program once every other House League season.

House jerseys and programs shirts are included as part of registration for U4 Cubs, House League, House Programs, Futsal and Summer Camps

¹ Personal information may be shared with a limited number of individuals and only to process financial aid.

- 4) **Equipment Expenses:** These are for expenses incurred by individual players for equipment necessary to play soccer and not covered in Uniform Fees. These expenses apply to both House League and Travel Academy programs and are eligible for an equipment voucher. Vouchers are issued to help cover the costs of shin guards, soccer socks, cleats, or any other soccer equipment needed. House players may receive a voucher every season. Travel players may receive a voucher once per travel academy year. All players must request vouchers at the time of registration in conjunction with the financial aid application.
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Mandatory Eligibility Criteria for Financial Aid Assistance

The eligibility threshold is determined by Fairfax County's Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published standards.

Fairfax County's Housing and Urban Development (HUD): [Link](#)

- Applicants must be 3-19 years old.
- Applicants must make a commitment to attend a minimum of 80% of scheduled practices and games.²
- Must fill out the Financial Aid Application completely.
- Must fill out the Financial Aid Application at the time of initial registration. Proof of Eligibility should be uploaded at the time of application. If uploading is not possible, documents must be mailed or emailed within 3 days of registration (see contact information below).
- Financial Aid applicants for the Travel Academy Program must request aid during the tryout registration process. *****Financial Aid Application information will not be used for determining whether a player is accepted or on which team the player is placed. This is solely for administrative procedures*****

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Acceptable documents for documenting the mandatory eligibility criteria include the following:

- Current Proof of Eligibility for Free or Reduced Lunch Program
- Current Proof of Eligibility for Medicaid
- Current Proof of Eligibility for Food Stamps
- Current Proof of Eligibility for Social Security Income (SSI)
- Most recent Federal Tax Returns

If you are not eligible for public assistance benefits and cannot provide a copy of one of the documents listed above, you will need to submit a copy of your current Federal Tax 1040 form (first page only).

The Board will approve a set amount of funds allocated to financial aid each year. The Director of Finance will review all requests to ensure they meet applicable guidelines. Awards will then be

² Failure to attend a minimum of 80% of practices and games may result in a loss of Financial Aid during the season or for a subsequent season.

distributed based on the amount of the financial aid funds available and the amount of financial aid requests. Applications that do not fall under the listed procedure will be considered and reviewed by the Financial Aid Committee made up of the Executive Director, Director of Finance, Director of Operations and Treasurer.

Travel Academy Tiers

The following are the guidelines for the amount of aid for which travel players are eligible:

- If Applicant receives Free Lunch (FARMS), SNAP (food stamps), TANF, or has a documented household income of 30% Annual Income Limit (AMI) or below f Eligible for financial aid award that covers 90% of Club & Team Fees paid to VYS and 90% of Travel Academy Team Fees
- If Applicant receives Reduced Lunch (FARMS), Medicaid or has a documented household income of 31%-50% AMI
 - ⇒ Eligible for financial aid award that covers 75% of Club & Team Fees and Travel .
- If Applicant does not receive FARMS, SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid, but has a documented income at 250% of the federal poverty level for the household:
 - ⇒ Eligible for financial aid award that covers 60% of Club Fees and Travel Academy Team Fees.
- If Applicant does not receive FARMS, SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid but has a documented income at 300% of the federal poverty level for the household:
 - ⇒ Eligible for financial aid award that covers 45% of Club Fees and Travel Academy Team Fees (maximum of \$180 per soccer year).

******Please note that VYS will purchase one Basic Travel Uniform Kit (jersey, shorts, and socks) for each player on Financial Aid in each year that VYS is in a required “buy year.” In the event that the player’s first year with VYS is in a non-“buy year”, VYS will provide the uniform for that year.******

VYS to Review Guidelines in a annual basis