



Fairfax Virginia Union (FVU) Financial Aid

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Objective

This policy applies to all players at Fairfax Virginia Union (FVU) and is issued by the FVU Board of Directors with the intent of providing the opportunity to be part of the FVU program regardless of their family's financial status.

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

FVU Fees Eligible for Assistance

There are three types of fees and expenditures necessary to participate in the FVU soccer programs:

1. **Club and Team Fees:** These expenses are covered based on eligibility and income bracket.
2. **Uniform Fees:** The basic uniform kit is covered at 50% as part of the financial aid program once every buy year and for new players receiving financial aid in a non-buy year.

Mandatory Eligibility Criteria for Financial Aid Assistance

The eligibility threshold is a combined parental Adjusted Gross Income of less than \$100,000 (line 8b on Federal tax return form 1040).

- Applicants must be 3-19 years old.
- Must complete the Financial Aid Application at the time of initial registration. Proof of eligibility should be uploaded at the time of registration.
- Financial Aid applicants must request financial aid during the tryout registration process and complete Financial Aid Application.

*****Financial Aid Application information will not be used to determine whether a player is accepted or on which team the player is placed. This is solely for administrative procedures*****

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

- Current Proof of Eligibility for Free or Reduced Lunch Program

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



- Current Proof of Eligibility for Medicaid
- Current Proof of Eligibility for Food Stamps
- Current Proof of Eligibility for Social Security Income (SSI)

If you are not eligible for public assistance benefits and cannot provide a copy of one of the documents listed above, you must 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 annually. Included in the amount of allocated funds will be any hardship donations that were contributed to FVU to be used for financial aid. The Director of Finance will review all requests to ensure they meet applicable guidelines. Awards will then be distributed based on the amount of financial aid funds available and the amount of financial aid requests.

The only people that will be able to access and see who is requesting/granted financial aid will be the Finance Director or anyone on the board who is not also staff. Since this information is sensitive, we would like to protect the players/families with limiting who has access to this information.

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 income at 130% of the federal poverty level for the household:
 - ⇒ Eligible for financial aid award that covers 90% of Club Fees paid to FVAU
- If Applicant receives Reduced Lunch (FARMS), Medicaid or has a documented income at 185% of the federal poverty level for the household:
 - ⇒ Eligible for financial aid award that covers 50% of Club Fees and Travel Academy

*****Please note that FVU will purchase one Basic Uniform Kit (jersey, shorts, and socks) for each player on Financial Aid in each year that FVU is in a required "buy year." In the event that the player's first year with FVU is in a non-"buy year", FVU will cover 75% of the uniform for that year.*****

**Hardship Exceptions:**

If a family is facing hardship and doesn't qualify under our financial aid policy, the member should contact the Financial Director. The Finance Director will work with the Member(s) to collect pertinent information and then a decision will then be made, by the Finance Director.

Hardship exceptions will be made based on the following criteria:

- Household Income
- Families with Single Parent
- Employment of Both Spouse
- Extenuating medical or family hardships

Financial Aid Funds:

If the financial aid funds that were budgeted are used in their entirety, and additional applications are received, the Board will need to approve additional funds before the financial aid can be awarded by the Financial Director.