



Financial Aid Policy 2023-2024 Season

At the beginning of each season, Weston FC (WFC) sets aside a limited amount of funds destined to provide financial aid to players who are in need of assistance with the payment of the applicable registration fees required to play for Weston FC. Applicants *must* complete the attached application and submit with the required documents. If there are extenuating circumstances, please include a letter detailing the situation (additional information may be required). The Weston FC President is the only one who can authorize financial aid and/or payment plans outside of the established payment plan options.

Financial Aid Committee

The WFC Financial Aid Committee shall review all applications and approve assistance for members who qualify for financial aid. The Committee shall be led by the WFC President and the WFC Treasurer. All applications and supporting information are held in strict confidentiality.

Accounting

WFC shall maintain separate line-item accounting entries in its financial statements for all financial aid disbursements. This accounting may be reviewed by the WFC Board of Directors.

Financial Aid Criteria

Financial Aid shall be awarded based on the qualification criteria set forth by the Committee. Qualification criteria will generally adhere to the published Federal poverty guidelines based on gross monthly income and family size. WFC may include other criteria as determined by the Committee such as the federal guidelines for the free and reduced lunch program. Qualification shall be based on a sliding scale set by the Committee using the qualification criteria. Awards shall be determined by the applicant's level of qualification, the number of qualified applications, and the amount of financial aid funds available.

Financial Aid Awards

Awards shall be applied towards the player's registration fee only. Awards could be approved for up to maximum of 50% of said fee. The recipient's family shall be required to cover the remaining balance of the registration fee, full team costs and the uniform's cost. Payment plans may be offered to pay the remaining portion of the registration fee. Uniforms must be paid in full when ordered.

Application Process

Application forms will be available on the WFC website (www.westonfc.org) and upon request from the WFC Treasurer or Club Registrar. Completed applications and supporting documentation (please see financial aid application for list of documents required) should be submitted in a sealed envelope with the applicant's registration paperwork via mail or can also be scanned in pdf format only and emailed. The deadline for financial aid applications is **June 15, 2023**.

Applications will be forwarded to the committee and must be accompanied by payment of \$250.00 or payment in accordance with a pre-approved payment plan. If financial assistance is awarded, then a payment plan will be reviewed with the family for the remaining balance. In the event that an application is denied, then a payment plan will be reviewed with the applicant. A minimum of the 25% of the registration fee shall become due and payable immediately unless other arrangements are made.



The Committee's response will be communicated directly to the applicant through the club treasurer or a club administrator.

**If an application is received after the deadline or a player registers later in the season, the application may still be reviewed. However the application will be subject to the availability of the remaining funds, if any.*

Eligibility

To be eligible for financial aid, all applicants and their parents/guardians must sign the WFC Application for Financial Assistance and if assistance is awarded, the WFC Financial Aid Agreement which requires that the recipient and their family volunteer a club events such as the Weston Cup & Showcase, camps, clinics, general meetings, registration, and other club activities. If parents or financial aid recipients do not meet this requirement, WFC reserves the right to revoke the financial aid or remove training and playing privileges. **If a player receiving financial aid leaves the club prior to the conclusion of the seasonal year, then the financial aid award becomes void and all funds provided must be repaid in full, prior to a release being given to the player, in addition to the release fee.** The Treasurer will be available, as a resource, to the team manager to provide support and assistance in securing compliance with the terms of the Financial Aid Agreement.

Payment Plan Policy

In the event a financial aid application is rejected in part or in full, WFC may review a payment plan options with the family. Payment plans must be discussed and agreed upon in writing between WFC and the family. In the event a payment plan is approved, the collection of the funds shall occur strictly as detailed in the plan. Payment plans shall not be allowed to extend past December 1st, 2023.

Therefore when applying for a payment plan only the months of June, July, August, September, October, November, and December may be available for payments. Payment plans will incur a pre-determined interest rate.

Payment Default Policy

Weston FC is a non profit 501C corporation. Unpaid fees may hinder the ability of the Club to meet its obligations. Any player delinquent in payment of their fees by 30 days or more will be duly notified and suspended from participating in any Club/Team activities. There will be a \$15 charge for any late payment. There will be a \$25 charge for any checks returned by the bank. Should a player remain in default Weston FC reserves the right to place the player in "bad standing" with any affiliation the player is registered to.



Application for Financial Assistance

This form is to be completed by a parent or guardian. All information is confidential and will be reviewed only by the Weston FC Scholarship Committee. Please return this application and income verification documents in a sealed envelope to Weston FC or via email at information@westonfc.org no later than June 15, 2023.

Today's Date: / /

1. Player's Name: _____ Age: _____ Team: _____
2. Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____
3. E-mail address: _____
4. Father's Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____
5. Father's Employer: _____ Gross monthly income: _____
6. Mother's Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____
7. Mother's Employer: _____ Gross monthly income: _____
8. What is the gross monthly income from all other sources?
9. How many people live in the household and are dependent upon this income?
10. Does this player have any siblings playing in Weston FC? Y / N If so please complete info below:
Name _____ Team _____
Name _____ Team _____
11. Please state the reason for your request, including any special circumstances that may not be reflected in this application.



12. What volunteer duties have you agreed to assume for your team? (Check all that apply)

Fundraising Coordinator Tournament Rep Manager Treasurer

Other:

13. What volunteer duties are you willing to assume for the club? (Check all that apply)

Fundraising Tournament Volunteer Field Marshall

Other:

Applications will not be accepted without the following required verification of income:

Please attach a copy of your 2022 Income Tax Return, IRS Form 1040

Please attach a copy of the Income tax return for self employed, Schedule C (if applicable)

Please attach copies of 3 last pay stubs or other income verification for all sources of income for one full current month.

Please attach verification of Medi-Care or Food Stamps eligibility (if applicable).

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- **I understand that parent participation in fundraisers and volunteering for team duties is mandatory and I agree to help with team and club fund raising activities, 1 hour for every \$10 awarded.**
 - **I understand that I will be responsible for all other expenses not covered by Financial Aid.**
 - **I affirm that all the information given in this application is true and correct.**

Player's parent or guardian signature (Father)

Date

Player's parent or guardian signature (Mother)

Date

Player's signature if 18 years of age or older

Date