



WELCOME TO MISSION VALLEY UNITED

Mission Valley United Financial Aid Awards Information

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We intend to provide an environment in which players, parents, and coaches are proud to be associated with our organization regardless of financial ability. We have created the Mission Valley United Financial Aid Foundation to aid in addressing the financial needs of our players.

Subject to the availability of funds, Mission Valley United shall offer financial aid for soccer related costs to those members that demonstrate a need or financial hardship. The decision to make any award, the amount thereof, and the beneficiaries shall be made on a defined set of decision factors which are consistently applied under the circumstances. Notwithstanding the forgoing, all award decisions are made at the sole discretion of the Mission Valley United Financial Aid Committee. The application information will be kept confidential within the Mission Valley United Financial Aid Committee.

Applications – Completed applications for financial aid shall be sent to: Mission Valley United, Executive Director, 44100 Old Warm Springs Blvd, Fremont, CA 94538 or emailed to execdir@fcfremont.com, or faxed to (510) 353-1871. Incomplete applications may result in disqualification for aid. Award decisions will be made as follow:

<u>Applications Received</u>	<u>Decisions Made</u>	<u>Season</u>
March 7 th	March 31 st	Annual or Fall
August 21 st	August 31 st	Annual or Fall
September 15 th	September 25 th	Annual or Fall
January 2 nd	January 10 th	Spring
May 20 th	June 1 st	Spring

Applications received by the March or August deadline may request consideration for an award for both the fall and spring seasons or the fall season only. Applications received by the early deadline each season (March and January) may receive preferential consideration based on the availability of aid funds.

Eligibility – Any Mission Valley United member (house, academy, comp) that meets the qualification requirements is eligible to apply for financial aid. Qualification is primarily based on family income. In general, those with annual family income that does not exceed 60% of the median family income in Alameda County are eligible for aid. In 2008, the eligibility threshold is annual family income not exceeding \$68,625. Other factors such as unemployment or other financial hardships may be considered by the Financial Aid Committee.

Eligibility Requirements – Each player receiving financial aid must meet and adhere to all guidelines set forth in the player commitment document and demonstrates dedication through consistent attendance at team practices and games. Also, it is the responsibility of each family receiving financial aid to reciprocate through active participation in the club and its team activities, including the mandatory ten (10) volunteer hours. Failure to adhere to these guidelines can result in the forfeiture of the financial aid award.

Documentation Required - Complete copies of most recent year federal income tax returns along with W-2's for all employed family members. Copies of most recent 2008 payroll stubs for all employed family members, which reflect year-to-date earnings. Copies of any court orders (i.e. divorce papers) regarding financial responsibility and / or support for the player.

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES CONTRIBUTING TO YOUR NEED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Amount of Aid Award – The Board and Executive Director shall determine the amount of the financial aid available for a season; however, there is no obligation to award all/any of the award pool. Based on the amount of the award pool and the amount of requests for financial aid, awards will be made on a sliding scale based on reported family income. The maximum amount of an award to an individual for a season shall not exceed (a) 100% of the registration fee paid for a House, Academy, (\$115 max per season) (b) 300% of the membership fee for a comp player (\$445 max per season). Annual awards shall not exceed double the seasonal limits noted above.

Application Process - Applications for financial aid are available online and must be completed and returned to Mission Valley United. Applicants must register the player in the Mission Valley United registration system each season on a timely basis. Applications will be evaluated by the Executive Director, House Director, and Travel Director (the “Financial Aid Committee”). The Executive Director will deny or approve all Financial Aid awards. Notification of aid awards shall be sent via email to each applicant. For comp players, their team manager may be notified via email to coordinate payment of the aid award if registration fees have been paid previously.

Annual awards will be paid in equal amounts at the beginning of each season subject to applicant's re-registration and confirmation of continuing need in the spring season. All Mission Valley United registration fees must be paid in full (by aid award or otherwise) on a timely basis for the player to be eligible to play for or train with their Mission Valley United team.

Other Opportunities – Mission Valley United has a limited number of compensated positions (e.g., referees, field set up, camp assistants, etc.) and volunteer positions (e.g., Age Group Coordinators, tournament volunteers, etc.) which offer individuals an opportunity to cover registration costs or to give back to Mission Valley United. Please contact the Executive Director for more information in this regard.

Questions – Questions about financial aid awards may be directed to the to the Mission Valley United Executive Director at execdir@fcfremont.com.

Mission Valley United - Player Financial Aid Application

Player's name: _____ Birth date: _____

Player gender and age group: _____

Amount of financial aid requested per season: \$ _____ (see limits in instructions)

Season(s) covered (circle one): Fall Spring Fall & Spring (annual)

For House, Comp or Academy (circle one): House or Comp or Academy

Team name: _____

Team manager's name/email: _____

Parents' names: _____

Home address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Estimated gross family income for current year: \$ _____

Adjusted Gross Income from most recent tax return (Form 1040, line 37): \$ _____

Father's employer/position/years of service: _____

Mother's employer/position/years of service: _____

Please list any other information you wish the Mission Valley United Financial Aid Committee to consider in evaluating this application (e.g., recent changes in family income levels, employment status, or other financial hardship):

I understand that Mission Valley United registration fees must be paid in full on a timely basis for my son/daughter to be eligible to play for on a Mission Valley United team. I confirm that the information provided herein is true and correct. And I understand the Mission Valley United Financial Aid Committee may request additional information in consideration of this application.

Agreed to by parent (sign): _____

Name (print): _____ Date: _____