



# Amelia Island Youth Soccer



## FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

### PROGRAM PURPOSE

Amelia Island Youth Soccer (AIYS) strives to provide an affordable and competitive soccer experience for all participants. AIYS aims to offer some financial aid to players who demonstrate need. There is a finite amount of aid available each year, based on the Club's annual budget. This policy includes information on how the program works as well as costs associated with AIYS programs and what financial aid covers. For questions about the club's financial aid program, you can email: [Registrar@aiysoccer.com](mailto:Registrar@aiysoccer.com).

### FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES

Families requesting financial aid must complete the AIYS Financial Aid Form by either printing a form from the AIYS website ([www.aiysoccer.com](http://www.aiysoccer.com)), or by requesting a hard copy form from the Registrar@aiysoccer.com. Families are required to complete one form for each player for whom they are requesting aid. Financial Aid Form due dates are listed below:

- **Fall and Winter Recreation - at the time of registration**
- **Real Amelia Competitive players - before tryouts**

### FINANCIAL AID AWARD LEVELS

Award levels vary according to need and are granted in increments of 50% and ... %. Among the criteria considered when determining financial awards are family size, player age and the player/family's relevant history with AIYS.

### FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

The AIYS Board of Directors will make all decisions regarding financial aid including whether a family qualifies for aid and the amount to be awarded.

Families will be notified of their acceptance or denial of financial aid by email. Those awarded aid will receive a Financial Aid Agreement Contract that must be signed and returned to the club **within two weeks** of the dated agreement.

### PROOF OF NEED

AIYS will use qualification for free or reduced school lunch as the primary determining factor in granting financial aid. For those who qualify for either of these programs, proof of eligibility is required. If a family does not qualify for either of these programs, there is an area on the application form to explain extenuating circumstances for requesting aid.

### CONFIDENTIALITY

All applications will be reviewed in strict confidence by a panel of at least three board members consisting.

### VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

AIYS exists only through the volunteer commitment of its members. Families receiving financial aid are expected to complete volunteer 8 hours to the club and are not eligible for the club's volunteer buyout option. Family members can volunteer in a number of different roles and support functions. If parents have any talents that may benefit AIYS, they should contact a Board of Directors member to discuss potential opportunities.



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### EXPLANATION OF FEES

Participation in a AIYS program includes the following fees:

#### RECREATIONAL SOCCER

Our recreational programs require a flat fee per season, due at the time of registration. This does not cover the cost of uniform.

#### COMPETITIVE/TRAVELING SOCCER

One of the most common questions the club receives is related to the cost to play traveling soccer. Unlike the recreational programs we offer that require only a flat fee by all participants, the players and their families who choose to play traveling soccer pay a combination of club registration fees, uniforms, and team fees. Team fees vary by team based on a team's preference for the number and type of tournaments they choose to play.

If my child decides to leave the team for another club I understand that I will be responsible to pay all the financial aid fees awarded back to Amelia Island Youth Soccer before my child will be allowed to transfer. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided above is accurate and truthful.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# AIYS Financial Aid Application



<b>Family Information *All Items are required</b>			
Player Name		Guardian Name & Relationship	
Address		City, Zip	
Contact phone		Contact Email	
Program Applying For: Fall Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Competitive <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Recreational <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Financial Information</b>			
Player Currently Qualifies For (proof of eligibility required)		Free Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Lunch <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>For Competitive Players</b>		<b>For Recreational Players</b>	
AIYS Financial Aid covers 50% or 100% of the registration fees. Uniform and Team Fees are not covered.		AIYS Financial Aid covers a 50% or 100% portion of the registration fees.	
<b>Financial Aid Amount Requested:</b> 50% <input type="checkbox"/> 100% <input type="checkbox"/> (I can pay \$_____ of the registration fees)			
<b>Extenuating Circumstances</b>			
(applicants who do not qualify for free or reduced lunch but are applying for financial aid due to a special or extraordinary circumstance can state their reasons here)			
Applicant Signature		Date	
AIYS Use Only	Date Received	Date Reviewed	Amount Approved