

ARSENAL UNITED FC



FINANCIAL AID POLICY

With the ever-increasing popularity of Arsenal United FC soccer, coupled with a challenging economic environment, the demand for financial aid seems to be exceeding the available pool of our limited resources. Here are 12 guiding principles that can help guide us in administrating the program as well as for those that receive aid.

Financial Aid Policy:

1. Transparency and consistency: Arsenal United FC strives to have a clear, fair, and consistent Financial Aid policy for all those wanting to participate.
2. Participating in Arsenal United FC is a **privilege not a right**. Full payment of league and team fees is a requirement for participation and to hold a player pass.
3. The deadline for financial applications is June 15th.
4. Financial aid is provided to qualified recipients **AFTER all or part of the basic registration fee (currently \$65) has been paid** as follows: Competitive players: Financial Aid cannot cover basic registration fee. Junior Academy and Recreation Plus: Financial aid will cover no more than ½ of the registration fee.
5. Arsenal United FC will **assess the ability of extended family member to provide some assistance**. If family members are able to help, they should be asked first.
6. The total amount of financial aid awarded will be a **function of the division aid budget and the number of recipients**. Regardless of this calculation, in no case will Financial Aid cover more than ½ of the division fee.
7. Financial Aid recipients will be allowed the opportunity to work to complete the remaining balance of their league and team commitment. The Arsenal United FC club will work with the recipient to identify work opportunities. (camps, field setup, administration etc.)
8. Financial Aid payment will be made directly to the financial aid committee. This to keep accurate accounting fees that have been paid.

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9. Out of area players' requesting financial aid will be subject to the same rules and guidelines for every other player. As a reminder, Arsenal United FC does NOT use financial aid as a recruiting tool! Coaches that engage in this practice will be subject to termination.
10. **Deadline:** If the financial aid recipient has NOT met their respective commitment by September 1, the player pass will be pulled and the player will NOT be allowed to participate in Arsenal United FC practices, games nor use a player pass to participate as a guest player until their commitment is met.
11. Repeat usage of Arsenal United FC Financial Aid will be noted and considered.
12. The Financial Aid committee can only make exceptions to this policy.