



Minnesota Thunder Academy Financial Assistance Application

Minnesota Thunder Academy is committed to providing high-quality youth soccer that is accessible to everyone. Financial Assistance covers registration fees only; team expenses, including but not limited to coaching fees, indoor training rental fees and tournament fees, are the responsibility of the applicant. MTA shall uphold the following guidelines:

1. Inclusion. If at all possible, no qualified player should be denied participation on a team due to financial hardship. **However, let it be known that all families receiving financial assistance must be fully registered and be consistently meeting the minimum payment deadlines.**
2. Partial Payment. MTA shall collect and the responsible adults (parents and/or guardians) shall pay a discounted club registration fees for players receiving financial assistance.
3. Volunteer Time. MTA shall expect each player and/or guardian to volunteer at least 10 hours of time to MTA.
4. Written Request. Responsible adults (parents/guardians) shall apply in writing via letter or application form supplied by MTA. **All financial aid applications need to be submitted by Aug. 1st, 2017**
5. Proof of Need. Responsible adults seeking financial assistance are required to provide proof of need (such as, income tax records, payment stubs, social security, public assistance record, school lunch subsidy records, etc.) Any information will be returned or destroyed.
6. Factors to Consider. MTA shall attempt to provide appropriate funding for all applicants. Awards will be given in increments of 25%, 50% or 75% of total tuition. When more requests are received than funds can cover, MTA should consider (but not be limited to) such funding priorities as:
 - The player's relevant history as MTA participant
 - The risk of losing an MTA team without player(s) receiving financial assistance on the roster
 - The financial assistance funds benefiting as many MTA teams as possible
7. Privacy. MTA shall attempt to maintain privacy of financial assistance applicants and recipients. The identities of applicant and recipients shall be shared on a "need to know" basis among Board members, coaches, managers, etc. who may be involved in appropriately carrying out the business of running MTA or an MTA team.



Note: Factors listed in Item 5 are considerations for the MTA Financial Assistance Committee and are not intended as the only relevant criteria for awarding financial assistance when funds are limited.

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- **Player Name:** _____
- **Mailing Address:**
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
- **Daytime Telephone Number:** _____
- **Date of Birth:** _____
- **Gender:** _____
- **Team 2017-18** _____
- **Has the applicant received financial aid from MTA in the past: Yes _____ No _____**
- **Name and address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s):**
Name: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
- **Father Employer:** _____
- **Mother Employer:** _____
- **Annual Family Income:** _____
- **How many family members are in the household:** _____
- **How many children registered with MTA:** _____



- **Please explain your family situation:**

- **Financial Aid Amount Requested**

- **75%** _____
- **50%** _____
- **25%** _____

In submitting this form you hereby affirm that all stated information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. You also understand the MTA Financial Assistance Committee will be involved in reviewing and approval of this application.