



FC United Scholarship Information:

It is the policy of FC United to assist those members who need financial aid so that an individual's ability to pay dues is not the sole deterrent to play soccer. Each year funds are used to support full and/or partial scholarships.

Financial need must be established annually through completion of the *Financial Assistance Request Form*. Applicants will be required to provide proof of income. Financial need takes into consideration family size, unusual or extraordinary expenses and situations. Any provided information will be kept confidential.

Scholarships are subject to the approval of the FC United Board. Scholarships are granted to cover expenses accrued through registration and fees. Depending on the circumstances, uniforms and other expenses associated with participation on a team can be covered as part of the scholarship program. Scholarships can be awarded to cover all or partial costs to participate in FC United activities.

Players who have been awarded scholarships have an obligation to participate in club and team activities, as well as conduct themselves in an appropriate manner in order to maintain *active* status. Recipients and their families are expected to volunteer time to club activities.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Assistance will be granted annually on the basis of financial need. Eligibility criteria are based on family income, size of family or other criteria that are established at the sole discretion of the FC United Board of Directors.
2. All membership applicants will be required to provide their family's past 2 years of Federal Tax Returns, a copy of their most recent pay stub and/or any copies of their financial support, such as: FDC, SSI, General Assistance, etc.
3. Applicants should also provide information on any extraordinary expenses, such as: current payment on school loans, uncovered medical expenses and/or situations which may affect their eligibility for financial assistance.
4. Scholarship players have minimum participation and behavior requirements in order to maintain active status. Scholarship recipients and their families are expected to volunteer time to the club at club activities (fundraisers, Fun Days, tournaments, practices, etc.). Each scholarship recipient and their families will be expected to sign a participation agreement that details their agreed obligations as part of the program. Scholarships may be revoked for non-adherence to the program requirements or expectations.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

All applications must be postmarked by July 10th each year for scholarship consideration of the next activity year.

1. Financial Assistance Request Forms can be obtained <where available>.
2. Request forms must be completed thoroughly, accurately, signed and dated.
3. Completed forms and required income documents, etc. must be submitted to the FC United Board member, Tom Belin (319-377-5614; dealguy7@hotmail.com).
4. **Scholarships are subject to approval by the FC United Board, which will be done in its sole discretion.** Applicants will be notified on the level of financial assistance to be provided by FC United upon Board approval.
5. All financial assistance requests will be kept confidential

FUNDING:

Funding is provided by FC United. Financial assistance is made possible through due assessments on FC United player participants and charitable contributions from generous friends of FC United.