



# Dallas Texans Florida

## Financial Aid Program

Dallas Texans Florida seeks to ensure that any child with the desire, commitment, and ability to play select soccer be given the opportunity regardless of financial ability. In support of this goal we have created a financial aid program to assist in addressing the financial needs of some of our players. However, not everyone who applies will be eligible for assistance. The Financial Aid committee may have to make qualifying adjustments based on the availability of funds. Financial Aid is granted based on financial need only, and is not based on playing ability. Furthermore, we believe players that truly want to play and develop at the select/competitive level must be willing to participate in paying a portion of their monthly club fees either out-of-pocket, or through meaningful volunteer effort on behalf of the club and team.

Volunteer hours are expected from all club members. Additional volunteer hours are required by those receiving financial assistance. The volunteer hours below are the minimum to be completed based on level of financial aid awarded. Volunteer time will be monitored by the Treasurer or other designated assistant under his/her direction. Failure to complete volunteer time may result in aid being withdrawn.

Level	Financial Aid Amount (Does not apply to team fees or travel expenses)	Volunteer Hours Required
Red	Reduced registration fee; Club monthly fees waived.	50 Hours
Black	1/3 up to 2/3 monthly payment waived Reduced registration fee also an option.	30 Hours
White	2 month's payments waived or deferred;	20 Hours

*\*Team assessment fees and player's travel expenses are not included in financial aid awards. All players, regardless of financial circumstances, are responsible for paying team assessment fees and their own player uniform kit.*

*\*Individuals who do not qualify for assistance or those with financial difficulties may request special payment arrangements. Special payment arrangements must be requested and pre-approved by the Financial Aid Committee of the DTF Board.*

**Procedure:**

1. Fill out application form and submit along with proof of need (such as pay stubs, proof of Government Assistance, Qualification in National School Lunch Program, detailed statement of extreme circumstances, etc.) and submit to Vice President by annual club "Signing Day".
2. The DTF Financial Committee will review application and make financial aid recommendations using the 2010 Federal Poverty Guidelines to assist in determining need. Factors to be included in recommendation will include the following:
  - a. Verified statement of financial need and available funds
  - b. Number of non-scholarship players on team
  - c. Player/Family's demonstrated willingness to support the club through volunteer effort
  - d. Recommendation of team coach in support of application
  - e. History of Player's Account from prior season; must show no outstanding balance to either club or team.
3. A summary of the DTF Financial Aid recommendations will be presented to the Board for approval (without using individual names).
4. Approved awards will be given to the appropriate Board member to adjust player's account in Registration & Accounting Software. The Treasurer will file applications in a secure location.
5. Financial Aid applicants that are denied will be notified by the Financial Aid Committee. Denied applications will be filed by the Treasurer.