



GPS Iowa
Financial Assistance Application

The Global Premier Soccer Iowa's Financial Assistance Program is designed to help those in financial need for the Select Soccer Program. It is the goal of GPS Iowa and the Altoona Soccer Club to turn no one away because of the inability to pay. This application is not a guarantee of financial assistance. All financial assistance is granted on a sliding fee scale based on income and need. GPS Iowa has a limited amount of financial assistance funds available, so we may not be able to fund everyone who applies. Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. Financial assistance recipients are required to re-apply every year.

Applicants will be required to pay any amount deemed affordable. If your application is approved, you will be asked to serve in a volunteer capacity to assist the Club during your child's season of play. Failure to do either may result in your child being removed from a team and denial of future financial assistance.

You need to **complete the application in full and attach a copy of your most recent tax return**, as well as any other proof of public assistance if presently receiving. Filing an incomplete application may result in a reduction or denial of financial assistance.

All information submitted will be held in the strictest confidence and will be reviewed by the Altoona Soccer Club board. Written notification by email will be sent to you once assistance determination is made.

Financial assistance applications must be postmarked by the deadline listed on the financial aid page

Please mail all applications and required supporting documents to:

Altoona Soccer Club / GPS Iowa
P.O Box 95
Altoona, IA 50009



GPS Iowa
Scholarship Application

Player Information:

Child's Name 1. _____ Age: _____

Child's Name 2. _____ Age: _____

Child's Name 3. _____ Age: _____

Parent Information:

Mother:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phones: _____

Cell: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____

Occupation: _____

If unemployed, source of income: _____

Father:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phones: _____

Cell: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____

Occupation: _____

If unemployed, source of income: _____

General Information:

How many people live in the home (9-12 months a year)? _____

How many children under 18 live in the home? _____

How many play for the Altoona Soccer Club? _____

What is your annual household income (from all sources)? _____

Do you receive any local, state, or federal assistance and if so, what? _____

Special circumstances the Altoona Soccer Club should be aware of that pertains to your request for financial assistance (recent hardships, job loss, etc). Please explain:



References:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____
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I certify that all of the above information is true and correct. I understand that false statements on this application shall be considered sufficient cause for disqualification from funding assistance.

I authorize the board of the Altoona Soccer Club to discuss this application and my individual and/or household information that may relate to my application for my financial assistance in an effort to make a determination of need and monies granted.

I understand that I am responsible to 1. Pay the full amount remaining for the program once financial assistance has been awarded, 2. Volunteer my time where agreed upon during the soccer seasons, and 3. Re-apply every June in order to continue to be considered eligible for future financial assistance.

I understand that I must supply a copy of my most recent tax return and any other supporting documentation (public assistance, child support, etc).

Signature of Applicant:

_____ Date: _____

Mail Forms to:
Altoona Soccer Club / GPS Iowa
P.O Box 95
Altoona, IA 50009



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Date Received: _____ Approved _____ Denied _____

Reason _____

Scholarship Amount: _____ Recipient's Responsibility: \$ _____

Approved By: _____



Date Notified: _____

GPS Iowa Financial Assistance Policy

Financial Assistance Program Committee:

1. The committee is made up of Altoona Soccer Club board members.
2. The committee meets annually immediately following spring Select try-outs.
3. The committee manages the scholarship funds, reviews applications for assistance and awards assistance within the yearly scholarship budget and guidelines.

Financial Assistance Policy:

The Altoona Soccer Club may provide need based financial assistance for the GPS Iowa Select program based on the following criteria:

1. That the applicant qualifies for assistance based on income and size of family, extenuating circumstances will be considered.
2. The approval for assistance will be for the fiscal year in which the applicant applies for aid. The financial assistance fiscal year is August 1 through July 31.
3. Approved applicants agree to volunteer to assist club sponsored activities for the fiscal year they seek assistance.
4. The applicants must fill out COMPLETELY and ACCURATELY the application form AND provide supporting documentation to verify income and public assistance if presently receiving.
5. The total amount of financial assistance awarded will not exceed the budgeted amount approved by the ASC board.
6. There is no guarantee that an applicant will receive financial assistance.
7. Application forms will only be considered when received by the respective deadlines as listed on the application form. Applications received after the deadline may not be considered.
8. Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis.
9. Financial assistance is NOT available on uniforms or any travel expenses (hotels, meals, etc).
10. The applicant must re-apply yearly in order to continue to be considered for assistance.



11. Failure of the applicant to pay the agreed amount after assistance is awarded will result in the participant being suspended from play.
12. Failure of the applicant to volunteer during the year of awarded assistance will result in disqualification from future financial assistance applications.
13. All financial assistance decisions are final. There are no appeals.

Eligibility:

Family size, annual income and extenuating circumstances are all considered when determining eligibility and the amount of assistance provided. All applicants are required to submit a tax return documenting income and family size in order to be considered. Additional proof of public assistance may also be submitted.

Sliding Fee Scale:

The amount of assistance applicants qualify for is determined by a sliding fee scale that is reviewed annually by the ASC board and is set to provide the maximum assistance to families where there is the greatest need. In extraordinary circumstances, the committee may make exceptions to the sliding scale.

Confidentiality:

All information provided to the ASC with an application for assistance is confidential. Applications will be reviewed and processed, and all supporting documents will be destroyed.

Procedure:

1. The financial assistance application must be filled out COMPLETELY and ACCURATELY.
2. The applicant MUST provide a tax return to verify income and family size.
3. Other documents that may be considered are:
 - a. Copy of a current pay stub or earnings report that includes year to date income
 - b. Proof of public assistance if receiving
4. ASC registration forms must be completed
5. All financial aid requests must be submitted by the appropriate deadline date to: Altoona Soccer Club / GPS Iowa, P.O. Box 95, Altoona, IA 50009
6. The application will be reviewed and a determination will be made if the application is received as complete and all necessary documentation is provided.
7. Written notification by email will be sent to the applicant once a determination has been made.