



CEDAR RIVER SOCCER ASSOCIATION

2017/2018 CRSA Scholarship Information

It is the policy of the Cedar River Soccer Association (CRSA) 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 partial scholarships.

Financial need must be established annually through completion of the *Financial Assistance Request Form* (available online). Applicants must provide proof of income. Financial need takes into consideration family size, unusual or extraordinary expenses and situations. The requested information is kept confidential.

Scholarships are subject to the approval of the CRSA Board. Scholarships are granted to cover annual membership fees and **does not cover cost of uniforms, tournament entry fees, league fees, travel expenses, etc.** Scholarship funds are allocated among qualified applicants and scholarships can be awarded to cover either full or partial fees.

Players who have been awarded scholarships have an expectation to participate in club and team activities, as well as conduct themselves in an appropriate manner in order to maintain *active* status. Families of scholarship players are expected to volunteer their time to club related activities and activities associated with player's team. Scholarships can be revoked for non-adherence to the above requirements and expectations.

Contact Toni Lewis 319-270-0292 for more information on scholarships and/or to request a Financial Assistance Request Form email Toni at treasurer@crsoccer.com. Requests along with all documentation submitted will be kept confidential. **The Financial Assistance Form must be completed and returned to Toni Lewis by June 12th, 2017 for U9-U19 players.** Mail forms to: CRSA c/o Toni Lewis, PO Box 10433, Cedar Rapids, IA 52410

Eligibility

1. Assistance will be granted annually on the basis of financial need. Eligibility criteria are based on the income Financial Guidelines for Scholarships below. All membership applicants will be required to provide a copy of their most recent pay stub, their latest Federal Tax return (white out social security numbers, etc) and/or any copies of their financial support, such as: FDC, SSI, general assistance, etc.
2. Applicants have an opportunity to provide information on any extra-ordinary expenses, such as: current payment on school loans, uncovered medical expenses and/or situations which may affect their eligibility for financial assistance.

Application Process

All applications must be received by June 12th (U9-U19).

1. Financial Assistance Request Forms will be available online at www.crsoccer.com – select the CRSA Scholarship Information and Application.
2. Request forms must be completed thoroughly and accurately, signed and dated.
3. Completed forms and required income documents, etc. must be received by Toni Lewis before the deadline to be considered. CRSA – Attention Toni Lewis, PO Box 10433, CR IA 52410.
4. **Scholarships are subject to approval by the CRSA Board.** Applicants will be notified on the level of financial assistance.
5. All financial assistance requests will be kept confidential

Funding

Funding is provided by CRSA. Part of the financial assistance is made possible by charitable contributions to CRSA and through generous friends of CRSA.

Scholarship players have minimum participation and behavior requirements in order to maintain active status. Families are expected to volunteer their time to the club at club activities involving the player's team (fundraisers, tournaments, etc.) Scholarships may be revoked for non-adherence to the above requirements or expectations.

The following chart is a **guideline**, which indicates the Percentage amount CRSA will consider granting. The Parent or Guardian is responsible for paying all remaining fees not covered by the scholarship. This can change per year due to number of the scholarship requests, amount of scholarship funds, etc.

For Example, if a family with a financial need has 3 dependent children and their annual income is \$36,000, then CRSA will consider granting a 70% scholarship and the parent or guardian would pay 30%.

Family Gross Annual Income	# of Dependent Children					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 +
\$0 to \$25,000	70%	80%	90%	100%	100%	100%
\$25,001 to \$35,000	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%	100%
\$35,001 to \$45,000	30%	50%	70%	80%	90%	100%
\$45,001 to \$55,000	0%	30%	50%	70%	80%	90%
\$55,001 and Higher	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



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Financial Assistance Request Form

Name of **Player** requesting Scholarship: _____

Team this Player will be playing on – be sure to indicate competitive or premier: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Child's Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address(s): _____

Parent/Guardian's Employer: _____ **Title/Position:** _____

Spouses Employer: _____ Title/Position: _____

Family Size: Number of Adults: _____ Number of Dependent Children: _____

Annual Gross Income from all sources: \$ _____ (From Last Filed Federal Taxes)

I feel that I can afford to pay \$ _____ for my annual membership. This can be a one-time payment, or monthly. Note: The Financial Guidelines for Scholarships Chart is **strictly a guideline.

Please provide a copy of your most recent pay stub and/or copies of other financial assistance received such as FDC, SSI, general assistance, etc. we need documentation of the current income of the household of the player requesting a Scholarship.

List any extraordinary or unusual expenses (e.g. medical, educational loans, etc.). **Attach documentation.**
Type of expenses: _____

Explanation of expenses: _____

Why do you need this assistance? _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____