

# Illinois Fusion Soccer – Scholarship/Grant Policy

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## MISSION STATEMENT

To enroll children in the Illinois Fusion Soccer program, who would not, due to economic restrictions, be able to participate in youth soccer. All applications must be submitted along with required documentation by July 15<sup>th</sup> for consideration. Missing documentation and late submissions could result in the application being denied.

## FUNDING

Illinois Fusion Soccer will, on an annual basis, allocate funds from the *prior year's operating reserve* for the Illinois Fusion Player Scholarship Grant Program. These funds shall be approved by the Illinois Fusion Board of Directors at a regular Board Meeting. Should the prior year's operating funds not create a reserve, Illinois Fusion Soccer shall add an amount to the club fees to support the program.

## GRANT GUIDELINES

The purpose of these guidelines is to create a mechanism to equitably and effectively distribute funds allocated for the Illinois Fusion Player Fee Grant Program. Said funds shall not leave the treasury of Illinois Fusion Soccer Association but shall be credited as either full or partial payment towards fees due for Player Registration not including uniform costs.

1. Who may apply: Players from the Illinois Fusion Travel teams, in good standing, may apply to the Finance Committee. Following a review and confirmation by the Finance Committee, at a formal board meeting of the association, a discussion will ensue regarding the player involved in the application who does not have the financial capability to fund the predetermined fee(s). The application shall be signed by the club president (only) to verify board review and Finance Committee decision.
2. Form of Application - the application must contain the following:
  - Name of the player for which the grant fee is to be applied.
  - Parent's name and address
  - Written request for funds describing reason for need.
  - Copy of the first 2 pages of previous year's IRS tax return
  - Mail all documentation to 705 E. Lincoln, Suite 113, Normal, IL 61761
3. Deadline for submission - applications must be submitted to the Finance Committee by July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year
4. Limitations on Applications - families may apply for a full or partial amount of player fees minus the cost of the required uniform package. The amount approved may differ from the amount requested.
5. The Finance Committee will review all Applications and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
6. The Board of Directors will have the discretion to approve or deny grant requests based upon the application information submitted.
7. The Grant Applicant will be notified of the approval or denial of their request as soon as the decision is made and the Board President signs off.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact a member of the Illinois Fusion Board of Directors.