

Pleasanton Girls Soccer Association

FINANCIAL AID FAQS FOR COMPETITIVE PLAYER'S TRAVEL EXPENSES

Q: HOW AND WHEN DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES?

Download the application available at <u>PleasantonRAGE.org</u>, complete the application, and submit the required documents. It is important to apply for travel assistance as soon as the cost of the event is known.

Q: HOW MUCH AID IS AVAILABLE? AM I GUARANTEED AID?

Each year, PGSA will budget a set amount of financial aid for event travel, but this does not guarantee that all applicants will receive support. PGSA will support up to approximately \$500 per event.

Q: WHAT DOES FINANCIAL AID FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES COVER?

Financial aid covers a **portion** of a player's travel expenses for a specific event. It does not cover airfare, parent travel expenses, or tournament merchandise.

Q: WHO DECIDES WHICH FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID FOR TRAVEL?

The PGSA Financial Aid Committee, which is composed of 3 PGSA Board members and a Staff member, will follow guidelines to make all financial aid decisions.

Q: WHAT FACTORS GO INTO AWARDING FINANCIAL AID FOR TRAVEL? WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Financial aid for travel expenses is need-based and is awarded to families based upon their income and/or other extenuating circumstances. Players at all levels of the Competitive Program may apply for aid.

Q: WHAT ARE OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR TRAVEL?

All families receiving financial assistance will be required to perform 6 hours of volunteer service and must participate in team fundraisers.

\mathbb{Q}^{\sharp} when will I know if I Qualify for Aid, and the amount of the Award?

A family will be notified within 3 days by email of program acceptance or denial and the amount of the award based on the event.

Q: IF AID IS NEEDED FOR MORE THAN 1 EVENT DURING A SEASON, DO I NEED TO COMPLETE A NEW APPLICATION FOR EACH ONE?

Yes, for a competitive player's travel expenses, financial aid is on an event-by-event basis. PGSA requires a new application to be completed for each event.

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