

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

Registration fee financial aid may be granted to children who without assistance would not be able to participate. The financial aid program focuses on providing opportunities for area youth to participate in the Junior Lions Youth Football / Columbia Basin Youth Football (CBYF) conference and play competitive football because of the physical, mental, and character-training benefits this program can provide. Financial aid is only available to cover the cost of football registration and is not available to cover any additional costs (uniforms and equipment other than what is provided).

The amount of financial aid awarded (if any) may be a partial or full financial aid depending on the number of applicants, and the amount of financial aid funds available. Financial aid is awarded for one (1) season per registrant and are only valued for one (1) season at a time, therefore, individuals must reapply each year they are requesting assistance. No guarantee of assistance is implied in the application.

Requirements for eligibility:

- Athlete must be between the ages of 5-14.
- Commitment to attend a minimum of 85% of scheduled practices and games.
- Participation by an adult family member in 10 hours during the sport season. Volunteer work will be under the direction of the Head Coach or Team Mom. **
- Application must be completed by a parent, guardian, or head of household, with all requested information provided. Incomplete applications will not be considered for financial aid. The application is on the following page.
- In addition to the above requirements, financial aid families are required to comply with all of the conditions listed in the registration packet forms, including participation in any and all fundraising programs. Financial aid will not be awarded for fundraiser opt-out fees.

Application Process:

- Complete and sign the Financial aid Application form.
- Submit completed financial aid application along with free and reduced lunch eligibility documentation to Head Coach or Team Mom.
- The Head Coach or Team Mom will contact you at the latest of one week prior to the regular registration deadline. If full financial aid is awarded, your child will be assigned to a team and begin practices. If partial financial aid is awarded, you will be required to pay the remainder of the registration fee not financial aided before the athlete can practice. If no financial aid is awarded, you will be required to pay the full registration fee before the athlete can begin practice. Registration fee amounts will be based on the date your financial aid application and registration packet are postmarked.
- Financial aid application approval will be based on verification of financial need and availability of financial aid funds. The decision should be considered final.

Consideration will be given to eligible youth meeting one or more of the criteria below. The more information you can provide us, the better able we will be to determine hardship. A written request is required.

- Receiving assistance from programs such as: Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, foster care, WIC, etc. (Must provide written documentation of participation in these programs.)
- Written recommendation by school representatives, social services representatives, family, or friend of the family.
- Documentation demonstrating an immediate financial hardship.

Financial Aid awards are not based on gender, race, class, economic status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, physical ability, or cultural and religious backgrounds.

Confidentiality: The information on the application is used only to decide if your child qualifies to receive partial or full financial aid for eligible athletic activities. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times.

*****Please note: Your completed financial aid application must be accompanied by documentation to support your eligibility for financial aid. If any of these items are not included, your application will be considered incomplete and will not be considered for financial aid for that season.*****

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Date of Application _____

Player Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Grade this fall: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Physical Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Current Phone: _____ Email: _____

Financial aid request for: Fall season Spring 7 on 7

Amount of Financial aid Requested? Full Financial aid Amount
 Partial Financial aid. I can pay \$ _____

I agree to volunteer 10 hours in exchange for the financial assistance

Does your child qualify for free or reduced school lunch? Free Reduced No
(Eligibility documentation required)

Please explain why you are requesting assistance. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

I understand that my signature on this application authorizes the program to obtain verification of all information on this application, and that additional information may be necessary for approval. I certify that all of the information provided on this form is true and correct. I understand that all conditions for eligibility must be met, and agree to uphold all of these conditions throughout the season. I understand that the number of financial aid participants per season is limited, and that this application does not guarantee financial aid. I understand that if I do not send the proper eligibility documentation and completed registration packet along with my financial aid application, my application for financial aid will not be considered.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____