



Waldorf Soccer Club

Office of the Executive Board



June 6, 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR WALDORF SOCCER CLUB

FROM: WALDORF SOCCER CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

SUBJECT: **Recreational and Classic Player** Financial Aid Program

James E. Maples Memorial Scholarship Fund

The James Maples Memorial Scholarship Fund was created in remembrance of James E. Maples, a 10-year-old soccer player for the Waldorf Soccer Club, who was tragically hit by a car while riding his bicycle on April 12, 2016. Many private donations were received in memory of James. His family's wish was for the donations to fund soccer scholarships for families in financial need. The Club will continue to replenish this fund through further private donations as well as proceeds from the Club's annual Futsal tournament. The James E. Maples Memorial Scholarship Fund is available to any qualifying Waldorf Soccer Club Recreational or Classic Program player.

1. The Waldorf Soccer Club is committed to ensuring that any child with the desire, commitment, and ability to play soccer has the opportunity to participate regardless of financial ability. This policy establishes the Club's Financial Aid Program. **Note:** Financial Aid for **TRAVEL** Program Players is available through the Waldorf Soccer Club's TRAVEL Player Financial Aid Program found at www.waldorfsoccer.com.
2. Subject to the availability of funds, the Waldorf Soccer Club shall offer financial aid to those members that demonstrate a need or financial hardship. The decision to make any award, the amount thereof, and the beneficiaries shall be made on a defined set of decision factors which are consistently applied. All award decisions are made at the sole discretion of the Waldorf Soccer Club Financial Aid Committee. The application information will be kept confidential within the Waldorf Soccer Club Financial Aid Committee and the Club Treasurer.
3. Applications

Completed applications (with supporting documentation) for financial aid may be mailed to Waldorf Soccer Club Financial Aid, P.O. Box 314, Waldorf, MD 20604. Applications may also be e-mailed with scanned supporting documents to the Waldorf Soccer Club Treasurer at treasurer@waldorfsoccer.com. Incomplete applications will result in disqualification for aid.

4. The Club awards up to \$250 annual financial assistance to **Classic Program** players and full fee waivers for **Recreational Program** players.
 - a. Players that are awarded financial assistance will agree to participate in Waldorf Soccer Club programs for the both the fall and spring sessions.
 - b. **Award decisions for travel players will be made during July. Applicants will be notified of aid decision by July 31, 2017.**
 - c. **The program financial aid application deadline will be July 15, 2017.**

5. Eligibility

- a. Any Waldorf Soccer Club Recreational or Classic Program player is eligible to apply for financial aid.
- b. Qualification is primarily based on verified family income.
- c. To be eligible, a family's aggregate household Adjusted Gross Income (AGI - line 37 on Federal tax return Form 1040) **MUST NOT EXCEED** the most recently published Median Household income estimate for Waldorf, MD by the State of Maryland Dept. of Planning Data Center.
- d. **For 2017-2018, the maximum AGI is set at \$ 86,362.**
- e. Other factors such as unemployment or other financial hardships may be considered by the Financial Aid Committee.
- f. Children of Waldorf Soccer Club Executive Board and Financial Aid Committee members are not eligible.
- g. Multiple children in the same household may also apply for aid. Please include a separate application for each child, including IRS documents for each. The Financial Aid Committee **MAY** award aid to more than one child in a household if they deem appropriate and within the committee's assigned aid budget. Families may or may not receive aid for all children applying.

6. Application Process

- a. Applications for financial aid are available online (attachment 1 – see below) and must be completed and returned to Waldorf Soccer Club by the above indicated deadlines.
- b. A signed copy of the most recent Federal tax return on Form 1040 (or applicable form) for both parents and/or guardians of the applicant (supporting schedules and attachments are not required, unless requested) must be filed with the financial aid application.
- c. The applicant **MUST** appear as a dependent on the parents' IRS 1040.
- d. Additional forms (i.e. W-2's, 1099's, etc) may be required by the Financial Aid Committee.
- e. Applicants will still register through the Club's on-line registration system. This will ensure the children will be reserved a slot, pending decision of the Financial Aid Committee.
- f. Applications are **NOT** considered complete until all required documents have been submitted.
- g. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the committee.

7. Award Process

- a. If there are fewer applications than budgeted, the Club Treasurer will award all applicants without assembling a committee.

- b. If there are more applications that budgeted, applications will be evaluated by the Financial Aid Committee.
 - c. The Financial Aid Committee will notify the Waldorf Soccer Club Treasurer of all financial aid decisions.
 - d. Notification of aid awards shall be made via telephone and/or email to each applicant by the Waldorf Soccer Club Treasurer.
8. No cash payments will be made to any player or their family.
9. Questions concerning this policy may be addressed to the Executive Board via either e-mail or regular mail to the address found on the Waldorf SC web site (www.waldorfsoccer.com).

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Waldorf Soccer Club Financial Aid Application
James E. Maples Memorial Scholarship Fund

Deadline to apply is July 15, 2017

Player's name: _____ Birth date: _____

Player gender and age group: _____

We are applying for:

_____ \$250 CLASSIC Player Annual Financial Assistance

_____ Full fee waiver for Recreational Players

If applicable, team played on last season:

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Parents' names:

Home address:

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Estimated gross family income for current year: \$ _____

Adjusted Gross Income(s) from most recent tax return (Form 1040, line 37): \$ _____

Attach a signed copy of both parents' or guardians' Federal tax Form 1040. Supporting schedules, exhibits and other forms are not required, unless otherwise requested. Please explain in writing any difference between estimated incomes this year and AGI from tax return.

Father's employer/position/years of service:

Mother's employer/position/years of service:

Please list any other information you wish the Club Treasurer or Financial Aid Committee to consider in evaluating this application (e.g., recent changes in family income levels, employment status, or other financial hardship. Please also list other dependent children playing for Waldorf Soccer Club teams. Use additional pages, if necessary):

I have read the Waldorf Soccer Club Financial Aid Awards Policy and understand that all Waldorf Soccer Club fees must be paid in full on a timely basis for my son/daughter to be eligible to play for the Waldorf Soccer Club. I confirm that the information provided herein is true and correct. I understand the Waldorf Soccer Club Treasurer or Financial Aid Committee may request additional information in consideration of this application.

Agreed to by Parent (sign): _____

Name (print): _____ Date: _____