



THREE RIVERS LACROSSE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

Three Rivers Lacrosse club (TRL) recognizes that expenses associated with playing Lacrosse can be a barrier to some families. In an effort to grow the sport and share our love of Lacrosse, TRL offers financial assistance to provide the opportunity to participate in our youth recreational programs regardless of financial means or limitations.

General Information:

- Financial assistance is available for regular season recreational registration fees only. The member family is responsible for US Lacrosse Membership, uniform purchase, and required safety gear (rental is available).
- Financial assistance is provided on a player by player and season by season basis.
- Financial assistance is awarded based on the available funding for that season.
- Applications for financial assistance will be kept confidential (only the TRL board will know which players are participating in the program).
- Applicants must agree to the Recipient Responsibilities as outlined in this policy.

Financial Assistance Eligibility Criteria:

The Three Rivers Lacrosse Board of Directors will utilize the following criteria in determining the eligibility of members for the Financial Assistance program. TRL may require documentation supporting enrollment in government assistance and/or paystub or tax return verification to determine eligibility.

- Family is experiencing a financial hardship not covered below as determined by the TRL Board (requires a written submission outlining circumstances).
- Enrolled in the Basic Food program (formally known as food stamps)
- Is on Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF)
- Takes part in Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR)
- Part of the Foster Care services program
- Enrolled in Medicaid
- Makes less money that what is listed in the chart below:

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month
1	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$916
2	29,637	2,470	1,235



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3	37,296	3,108	1,554
4	44,955	3,747	1,874
5	52,614	4,385	2,193
6	60,273	5,023	2,512
7	67,951	5,663	2,832
8	75,647	6,304	3,152
For each additional member add	+7,696	+642	+321

Recipient Responsibilities:

Because this program is made possible by the generous support from community partners, corporate sponsors, and member donors it is expected that recipients of this award meet certain obligations to help forward the success and development of Three Rivers Lacrosse and Honor the Game. Financial assistance participants will agree to the following:

- **Attendance:** Regular attendance at practices, games, and events arriving on-time and prepared to participate. This includes having the required gear, uniform, water bottle, food/snacks, etc. If it is anticipated that the player will be absent or late to a practice or game, the coach will be notified as soon as possible. Recurrent tardiness, absence, or unpreparedness will result in disciplinary action (subject to the TRL Code of Conduct Agreement) and ineligibility for future participation in the Financial Assistance Program.
- **Volunteering:** Three Rivers Lacrosse relies on volunteers for all activities and everyone from the board, coaches, and committees are volunteers. Financial assistance recipients are expected to “give back” by participating in fundraising activities or serving on a committee, board, or position. Some potential options are listed below:
 - ❖ Shootout or Ice Sales Fundraisers. (One shift at each, or two shifts total).
 - ❖ Committee (Shootout, Ice Sales, Sponsorship, etc.)



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- ❖ Positions (Board Member, Coach, Assistant-Coach, Team Manager, Game Day Coordinator, Field Manager, Equipment Manager, Uniform Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator).

Board Responsibilities:

The Three Rivers Lacrosse board will accept all applications and review them in an equitable, and confidential manner. Awards will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis as available funds allow (as determined by the treasurer). The board will use the guidelines listed above in Eligibility Criteria to determine awards. Awards may be granted in full or part and determined on the number of applications, funds available, and/or on a case by case basis if funding can be solicited. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application no less than two weeks from the date returned to the treasurer. Unless requested otherwise, coaches, team managers, etc. will not be aware of which players are participating in the program. All applications will be kept confidential and only discussed in a closed board meeting. If a member had appealed in writing for a exemption to the responsibilities, efforts at accommodation should be made with the family (and coach if necessary) if at all possible.

Application Process:

- Applications must be made by the member family, not by an advocate.
- Member families should submit the Application for Financial Assistance (see forms section on website 3rlax.com) as early as possible during the open registration period.
- If a member family is unable to meet any of the Recipient Responsibilities at outlined in the Financial Assistance Policy, it needs to be outlined in writing along with the application.
- Applications need to be submitted to the Three Rivers Lacrosse Treasurer at 3rlaxtreasurer@gmail.com or via mail to

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