



# RISE SOCCER CLUB

## Power Award Application 2021-22

### RELIANT ENERGY POWER AWARD OVERVIEW

RISE Soccer Club offers financial aid for youth players who otherwise could not afford the fees associated with joining a RISE Soccer Club team. Each request for assistance is considered on a per season basis and applies to Club Dues only (Uniforms & Other expenses are not included as part of RISE Financial Aid program). Players/Families receiving assistance in prior season must fill out/submit a new scholarship request form each season. RISE Soccer Club cannot assure every application will be approved for scholarships however, every effort will be made to assist as many players/families as possible.

### HOW TO APPLY

To be considered for a Power Award, player/families must complete the following steps:

**Step1:** Complete Registration with RISE Soccer Club for the 2021-22 Season including your initial registration deposit payment. Applications must be received by **Tuesday, June 15, 2021**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

**Note:** Existing Player Households must also be in good standing with past season dues/travel payments.

**Step2:** Complete Power Award Application (page 4 & 5). Families with multiple children will submit one application for all players.

**Step3:** Include a copy of the first two pages of the family's most recent federal tax return, along with documentation validating current enrollment in one of the following public assistance programs: Texas Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Medicaid and CHIP (Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)

Please be sure to black out all social security numbers on form 1040/1040 A for confidentiality. If you do not include one of these supporting documents with your application, it will be considered incomplete and you will not be eligible for Power Award consideration.

**Step4:** Submit your Application and Financial Backup Electronically.

Submit to: [scholarships@risesc.org](mailto:scholarships@risesc.org)

Subject: PlayerLastName\_Scholarship\_Application\_2021-22

\*Applications submitted late or incomplete will not be considered\*



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## Power Award Guidelines 2021-22 (continued)

To determine eligibility, generally, we consider these annual household income limits on a pre-tax basis:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE *	MAXIMUM INCOME LEVEL (PER YEAR)
1	\$18,735
2	\$25,365
3	\$31,995
4	\$38,625
5	\$45,255
6	\$51,885
7	\$58,515
8	\$65,145

\* For households with more than eight people, add \$6,630 per additional person. Always check with the appropriate managing agency to ensure the most accurate guidelines.

[benefits.gov/benefit/1579](https://benefits.gov/benefit/1579)

### CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

All information gathered is for the express and sole purpose of assisting the RISE SC Financial Aid Committee and will be strictly confidential.

### POWERAWARD GRANT RANGES

Reflected in a percentage (%) of Club fee reductions: 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100%

### PRIORITY ALLOCATION

- Tier 1:** Elite Programs
- Tier 2:** Competitive Program
- Tier 3:** Youth Academy
- Tier 4:** All other Programs

### POWER AWARD RECIPIENT OBLIGATIONS

- Power Award recipients must complete the registration and application each year and provide needs based documentation as requested
- Power Award recipients must be prepared to meet the additional team financial commitments not covered by their Power Award



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## Power Award Guidelines 2021-22 (continued)

### APPLICATION PROCESS

The RISE Financial Aid Committee members will review all scholarship applications submitted on time and notify all eligible applicants no later than **Tuesday, June 22, 2021** with a determination of your scholarship request.

Households receiving scholarship funds will be notified of the amount they will receive. Parents/Guardians will be required to sign and return a revised dues/scholarship contract by **Friday, June 25, 2021** to confirm acceptance of the terms for the season.

Unfortunately, funds are limited and RISE SC cannot guarantee every household requesting financial aid will be awarded funds.

Should scholarship recipients choose not to accept the terms of their agreement, the funds will be reallocated and offered to 'Alternate' applicants that were not initially awarded scholarships.

### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT EXPECTATIONS

Households who are awarded and accept RISE SC Power Awards will be required to:

- Remain current on all Player dues they are responsible for
- Abide by RISE Advanced Handbook
- Volunteer for various RISE events throughout the season
  - 1 volunteer hours will be expected for each \$50 of scholarship you receive
  - For example If you receive \$500 you will be expected to volunteer 10 hours

RISE SC reserves the right to revoke any scholarships immediately for households who fail to comply with the above requirements. When a scholarship is revoked, the household will be responsible for full payment of the yearly dues.

### QUESTIONS

For questions regarding the RISE SC Financial Aid Program please email: [scholarships@risesc.org](mailto:scholarships@risesc.org)



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## HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

# of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children (under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Household Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<b>1-Parent/Guardian Name</b>		US Citizen: Yes ( ) No ( )
Phone/Email		
Address City, State and Zip		
Employer & Phone		
<b>2-Parent/Guardian Name</b>		Us Citizen: Yes ( ) No ( )
Phone/Email		
Address City, State and Zip		
Employer/Phone		

## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Player Name	Age	Date of Birth	School(Fall 2020)	RISE Team(Age Group)
Any Player Special Needs/Requests:				

## REQUESTED SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

Total Cost of Dues	Total Household can afford	Total Scholarship Requested
\$	\$	\$



Other Financial Assistance Questions				
Has any children in your household received RISE SC Scholarship in the past?			YES ( )	NO ( )
If Yes: Amount \$			Seasons/Years:	
Are any children in your household eligible for reduced school lunch?			YES ( )	NO ( )
Does your household receive any other State/Federal Assistance?			YES ( )	NO ( )
Assistance Type:	Housing ( )	Welfare ( )	Other ( )	Describe:
Has anyone in your household been convicted of a felony?			YES ( )	NO ( )
Share why you should receive a Scholarship (Attach another page if need more room to explain)				

**Consideration Requirements:**

The following requirements must be complete for a household to be considered for RISE SC Scholarship:

- 1) Player(s) must be registered with RISE SC for 2021-22 season and paid their deposit
- 2) Existing Player Households must be in good standings with past season Dues payments
- 3) Include a copy of the first two pages of the family's most recent federal tax return, along with documentation validating current enrollment in one of the following public assistance programs: Texas Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Medicaid and CHIP (Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)
- 4) The application and supporting documents must be submitted RISE Soccer Club by **Tuesday, June 15, 2021**. Applications received after this date will NOT be accepted.

**Signatures:**

I hereby declare that all information contained in this application is true and accurate and I have read, and understand the Power Award Guidelines. I authorize RISE SC to perform any necessary due diligence and background checks to determine the accuracy of information I have submitted.

Printed Name	
Signature/Date	

**SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY**

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