



# Fee Assistance Program

## Ontario Player Development League (OPDL)

Guidelines on the 2017 OPDL Fee Assistance Program

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## Section I – Introduction

The OPDL Fee Assistance Program is available to eligible players registered with OPDL License Holders and listed in the Main Roster of an OPDL Team for the current year.

The Fee Assistance Program started in the inaugural year of the OPDL, 2014, where 32 grants of \$500 were given to OPDL players which meet the criteria. In 2015, 64 grants of \$500 were given. In 2016, 102 grants of \$750 were given to OPDL players. From 2014-2016 the OPDL has contributed \$124,500 in grants to OPDL players.

In 2017 the OPDL Fee Assistance Program will distribute 20 grants of \$1,000 and 96 grants of \$750. Grants will be allocated on a needs basis.

### Compliance to NCAA Eligibility Rules

The OPDL Fee Assistance Program is compliant to NCAA eligibility rules. Participation on this program does not violate NCAA eligibility rules.

## Section II – Eligibility

Players will be assessed based on meeting **all** the following requirements:

- a) Demonstrable financial need, as verified by License Holder Official
- b) Exceptional development potential, as assessed by Technical Director
- c) Dedication to the sport of soccer and high performance training

### Financial Assessment

The Stats Can Income Cutoff Table 2014 shall be used as a guide in assessing financial need:

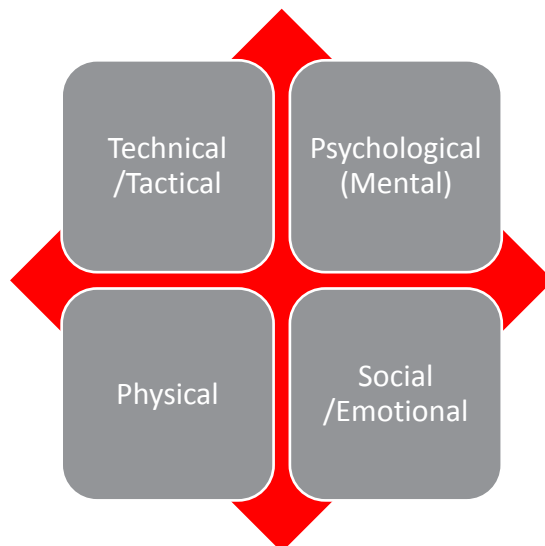
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	INCOME
1 PERSON	24,328
2 PERSONS	30,286
3 PERSONS	37,234
4 PERSONS	45,206
5 PERSONS	51,272
6 PERSONS	57,826
7 OR MORE PERSONS	64,381

The nominating License Holder Official must verify the income statements of the applicant's parents/guardians before submitting the application.



## Technical Assessment

A Technical Assessment must be completed by the License Holder's Technical Director, highlighting key attributes of the player in the 4 corners that make him/her a talented player.



## Player Commitment

A brief summary, outlining the commitment exhibited by the player and family to soccer within the License Holder historically or the OPDL environment to date shall be included with the application.

Summary shall be limited to 150 words.

## Section III - Application Information

Interested candidates shall contact their OPDL License Holder with necessary information to validate financial criteria.

License Holders shall appoint an Official to collect and review information provided by candidates, complete the application form and act as point of contact with Ontario Soccer.

Upon completion of the financial assessment by the designated License Holder Official, the Technical Assessment must be completed by the License Holder's Technical Director and submitted in the application form.

Applications are to be submitted by OPDL License Holders directly to Ontario Soccer via online application form available here:



## OPDL Fee Assistance Program – Application Form

Application Form shall include:

- a) License Holder Information
- b) Player's Contact Information
- c) Parent/Guardian Information
- d) Family Information
- e) Financial Information, as verified by the License Holder Official
- f) Technical Information, as assessed by the License Holder's Technical Director

Demonstrated commitment, as assessed by the License Holder Official

### **Application Windows**

In 2017, there will be two windows whereby License Holder Officials can submit applications, and grants will be distributed.

The following amounts will be distributed in each window:

First application window

- 20 grants of \$1,000
- 38 grants of \$750

Second application window

- 58 grants of \$750

**Applicants not successful in the first window, will automatically be considered for the second window without being required to submit a new application.**



## Section IV - Application Dates & Deadlines

Only one application form per player shall be completed by the License Holder Official in accordance to the window deadlines outlined below:

<b>First application window</b>	
Wednesday February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017	First window of application open
Sunday, April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	First window of application close
Sunday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Successful Applicants and License Holders notified

<b>Second application window</b>	
Monday July 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Second window of application open
Thursday August 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	Second window of application close
Friday September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017	Successful Applicants and License Holders notified

All applications will be reviewed by Ontario Soccer during the assessment period in each window and successful applicants and License Holders will be notified directly. A list of successful candidates from the License Holder will be shared with the License Holder's Official.



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