



YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – OCTOBER 19, 2022

To all community youth sports presidents and board members,

The Folsom Athletic Association (FAA) Youth Assistance Program strives to provide financial assistance for Folsom youth residents who wish to participate in youth sports. We have learned that many youths do not play sports because of financial difficulties.

Those who qualify for the Youth Assistance Program can receive up to \$200 to help offset the cost of league registration and/or sports equipment. Funds are available for single-sport or multi-sport athletes, recreational or competitive. Sports camps and private training do not qualify.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!!

HOW IT WORKS:

1. We rely on individual clubs to be the EYES and EARS, the front line for identifying those in need and getting the message to the families.
2. Individual clubs are responsible for vetting potential candidates (see attached application).
3. After the registration period ends, clubs will collect and submit all applications for reimbursement to the FAA.
4. The FAA will review and provide reimbursement (based on available funds).

HISTORY OF THE YOUTH ASSISTANCE FUND

In the late 1980's local basketball coach Troy Estacio would routinely see several kids hanging out at the gym but not playing. He found that these kids were not playing because they could not afford the entry fees needed to do so. Heartbroken, this led Troy to partner with the FAA to create the Youth Assistance Program with the mission ***"Never in Our Town"*** or, fully put, ***"Never in our Town will any youth not participate in sports due to financial constraints."***

Closing: Over time, the Youth Assistance Program has served over 2,500 youths and counting, with a combined scholarship value of more than \$195,000. The Youth Assistance Program is funded primarily by our annual fireworks fundraiser, which allows sports club families the opportunity to volunteer and raise money for their club.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Raffetto

Michael Raffetto, President
Folsom Athletic Association

Attached: Youth Assistance application