



ATHLETICS FINANCIAL AID POLICY

If you believe you may qualify for financial aid, please read the full Financial Aid Procedure below and follow the steps **BEFORE** you complete registration and payment for athletic fees. Please note that financial aid for Middle School and High School Athletics must be applied manually. If you do not see a financial aid discount applied to your cart prior to checkout, do not process payment and contact the Programs Billing Specialist at Programs.Billing@GreatHeartsTXSchools.org before proceeding. Financial aid for Middle School and High School Athletics is given based on the Free and Reduced Lunch application that must be completed for every academic year. The application [can be found at linqconnect.com](http://linqconnect.com). Not all Athletic Department offerings offer a financial aid discount.

For returning families: Your financial aid award status from the previous school year will remain active through September 26th, 2025. This means you may register for Fall 25-26 Middle School and High School Athletics before you complete your application for the 25-26 school year. However, to ensure your Free or Reduced status continues for the entirety of the 25-26 school year, you **must** submit your application for the 25-26 school year for a financial aid award status to be applied beyond September 26th.

Refunds will not be given for Middle School or High School Athletics purchased without a financial aid status marked on their Configio account. Nor will refunds be given retroactively for Middle School or High School Athletics purchased before a financial aid application was submitted or processed.

For new families: Once the Free and Reduced Lunch application has been submitted, families intending to enroll their student(s) in athletics need to create an account on Configio/registration platform then email your certification letter to the Programs Billing Specialist to communicate your request for financial aid. The Programs Billing Specialist will verify the discount level and mark your account accordingly. You will then be notified that you can register at your convenience, and your financial aid discount will automatically apply to your cart.

The Free and Reduced Lunch application for the 2025-26 school year will be available **after July 15th**. Families seeking financial aid may wait until the application becomes available to apply and subsequently register for Middle School or High School Athletics. **Refunds will not be given to families who register for Middle School or High School Athletics prior to applying and qualifying for financial aid.**



For direct certification families: If you receive direct certification for the Free and Reduced Lunch program and are not required to submit an application, you must forward the email you receive confirming your award determination to the Programs Billing Specialist prior to paying the fees for Middle School or High School Athletics.

For mid-year changes: If you apply for a mid-year financial aid status change, you are responsible to notify the Programs Billing Specialist of the change and submit the certification letter for it to be applied to your account for future billing/payment of fees. **Refunds will not be given for status changes mid-year.** Contact: Programs.Billing@GreatHeartsTXSchools.org.

Families who qualify for Free Lunch will receive a 50% discount off Middle School and High School Fall, Winter, and Spring athletic fees. Families who qualify for Reduced Lunch will receive a 33% discount off Middle School and High School Fall, Winter, and Spring athletic fees. Athletic Summer Camps and other athletic events do not offer a financial aid discount.