

GDRA Financial Aid Application—Youth

GDRA's Financial Aid program is for those whose current financial circumstances would make it impossible for their son or daughter to row if they had to pay full dues. The grants we award are not scholarships, given as rewards for superior rowing ability; they are aid, given so that financially strapped rowers are not prevented from rowing.

Although aid covering 100% of dues is possible, such grants are rare. Generally, applicants are expected to make some contribution toward their son or daughter's dues.

If you are a family with multiple rowers, you get a fee reduction when you register a second rower. If financial hardship makes it impossible for you to pay even this reduced fee, you should apply for financial aid. *Realize, though, that when we evaluate these applications, we do not assume that the mere fact that you are a multiple-rower family is evidence of financial hardship*; some families in these circumstances can afford to pay full fees, other families cannot.

Sometimes, it is the *timing* of dues rather than their *dollar amount* that makes it difficult for parents to make their payment. In these cases, you need to charge your dues to a credit card and then make the necessary smaller payments when it is convenient for you to do so. If this is impossible for you to do, you need to talk to the Youth Coach about setting up a plan to pay in installments.

Financial aid grants are for one season only (Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall). You will need to reapply for financial aid again next season, if your financial circumstances have not improved.

Application for financial aid must be submitted **one week before** the first payment-due date!

To apply for financial aid, you need to send an e-mail to Bill Irvine at bill@aphilosopher.com (or via snail mail to 217 Monterey Ave., Dayton, OH 45419) in which you answer the following questions.

1. What is your name?
2. What is the name of your son or daughter?
3. For which season are you applying for aid, Winter, Spring, Summer, or Fall?
4. Will your son or daughter be in the Racing Program or the Development Program?
5. What is the total dollar amount you are being asked to pay?
6. How much of that dollar amount are you able to pay?
7. Since GDRA has limited financial aid resources, we need to make sure that truly needy cases are taken care of first. For this reason, please describe, in some detail, the nature of your financial hardship.
8. What volunteer activities are you and your son or daughter willing to undertake on behalf of the club? (If you are unable to undertake such activities, please explain why.)
9. If you have obtained financial aid in the past, what year and season was it for, and during that season, what volunteer activities did you and your son or daughter undertake on behalf of the club?

If you have any questions, contact Bill Irvine at bill@aphilosopher.com or (between 8am and 8pm) at 937-469-6750.