



# 2022 Vast Financial Assistance Instructions

Any athlete who lives within the Greater Tampa Bay Area is eligible to apply for financial help to participate in the Vast Track Club of Tampa Bay (Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, Pasco, Sarasota, et al.). Athletes who live outside of this area must reach out to their local track club in their respective area.

**DEADLINE: Financial aid requests must be submitted no later than Wednesday, January 26, 2022.**

All athletes must be in good academic standing here being **B average (3.0) for the duration of the season**. Coaching/Board Member reserves the right to request current Academic grades.

Financial aid decisions for Vast Track Club are not made until the athlete/guardian has signed her/his Pledge/Commitment form.

Financial assistance requests must be for Track affiliated practices, uniforms, track meet fees, Vast Sponsored programs/events & destinations/local travel\*.

\*local transportation will likely be carried out by Coaching Staff or Board Member.

Assistance for extended travel, hotel stay and Regional/National Meet events may be subject to an additional application process.

Financial assistance is for athlete/participants only. Fill out one application per athlete/participant.

Financial Assistance is not available for personal training, small group training sessions or anything falling outside the parameters of regular track club practices. Coaching Staff/Board Members may, on his/her own, offer pro bono coaching/training. This is strictly at the discretion of the respective Coaching Staff/Board Member.

Financial assistance funds are supplementary. Vast Track Club expects each family to supply resources/pay as much as it can toward the cost of the overall Track Club experience.

Families may request partial or full assistance for the Track Club Season. **Full assistance includes membership fees, monthly dues, track meet fees, uniform kits, assistance with local transportation if needed (likely to be carried out by Coaching Staff/Board Member).**

Applicants may be eligible for additional financial assistance as the season progresses based on **standing, ranking, qualifying for District/Regional/National events**. This may be subject to an additional application process and subject to review by the Coaching staff and Board Members once Districts/Regionals/Nationals approach.

Financial aid is based on need, and this must be clearly demonstrated on the form. The Vast Track Club takes into account income level, family size, and a detailed explanation of circumstances when granting financial assistance.



Documentation that verifies income level **MUST** be provided with the form (i.e. paycheck stub, tax return, unemployment check receipt, etc.).

All information is confidential.

Financial assistance funds are based on financial need and/or special circumstances. Based on what level a family qualifies for, assistance can range from a portion, to full assistance from "Ready, Set, Go!" by the Vast Track Club program.

Incomplete forms or those missing items listed in checkbox below will not be reviewed. Please allow **14 business days** for application processing.

To apply for financial aid:

1. Student-Athlete must be in good academic standing.
2. Student-Athlete & Parent/Guardian must sign her/his Pledge of Commitment Form.
3. Student-Athlete & Parent/Guardian must complete the entire application.
4. Parent/Guardian of Student-Athlete must provide the following with the completed application:
  - Drivers License or Passport
  - Copy of Most Recent Tax Return
  - Any other Source of income (ie: unemployment benefits, child support benefits, etc)
  - All Records of untaxed Income
  - Paystubs (30 consecutive days closest to when you submit your application)
  - Proof of Residency for Parent/Guardian & Student-Athlete (ie: health insurance, Medicaid, income documentation, utility bills, court custody documents or residential lease listing household members)
  - Rent/Mortgage Monthly Statement
  - Water & Electricity Bill

Vast Track Club hopes to provide financial support so that no qualifying athlete is denied an opportunity due to lack of funds, however financial assistance funds are limited.

Send all requests to:

Vast Track Club  
6026 West Linebaugh Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33625  
Attn: Ready Set Go!  
Email to: **813vastfitness@gmail.com**

***Providing your email is the most efficient and cost-effective way for us to notify you of the outcome.***