



USA Ultimate “Play It Forward” Program Description

The *Play It Forward* program provides financial assistance for youth ultimate players from underserved populations to cover the cost of their membership. Priority will be given to USA Ultimate [Affiliate organizations](#) and [State-Based Organizations](#) (SBO). For each approved applicant, the *Play It Forward* fund will cover the cost of a USA Ultimate membership at the appropriate level.

Membership Awards:

Play It Forward membership awards will be available for youth participants with demonstrated need in a USAU championship or a sanctioned event (e.g., league, tournament, camp, clinic, practice, pickup, hat tournament, etc.).

Eligibility:

A parent/guardian or a youth player (not yet graduated from high school) who is registered in a USAU championship and/or sanctioned event may apply for the *Play It Forward*, demonstrating appropriate financial need by presenting a letter from the player’s school of enrollment that indicates qualification for the federal *Free & Reduced Price School Meals* program ([National School Lunch Program](#)) for the current academic year.

Timing:

USA Ultimate will begin accepting *Play It Forward* program applications in December for the subsequent calendar year, awarding eligible applicants in the order of application receipt and priority, as long as allocated *Play It Forward* funds remain sufficiently available. Upon notification approval, the USA Ultimate membership department will apply a current membership to the approved player’s USA Ultimate account, which will be valid for the full duration of the corresponding calendar year.

Administration:

The program details will be managed by the USA Ultimate Department of Member Services and Community Development (MSCD). Funding for the *Play It Forward* program will be managed by the USA Ultimate Department of Administration and Finance, dependent in large part on donations and designated contributions received towards the fund.

