

YMCA of Oklahoma City Financial Assistance Program

Commonly Asked Questions

Q. Does approval for assistance activate your membership?

A. No. The financial assistance simply approves you to pay a discounted rate on a YMCA membership and/or programs that we offer. Please see front desk to register.

Q. What is YMCA financial assistance?

A. The YMCA of Oklahoma City believes in providing membership and program services to all who desire to participate. The YMCA's financial assistance program, supported by the annual Strong Kids Campaign and the United Way, uses all available resources to provide support to those who have financial need and qualify for assistance. If you qualify, your award can be used towards a membership to the YMCA or some of the other programs that we offer such as swim lessons, youth sports and child care.

Q. Who is eligible for YMCA financial assistance?

A. Anyone may apply for financial assistance. Approval of the application is made on an individual basis. The YMCA uses a sliding-fee scale guideline based on total household income and number of dependents. The scale assists the staff of each branch in determining the amount of scholarship awarded and its applicable time frame.

Q. Is it possible to join the YMCA for free?

A. The YMCA believes a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed when the financial assistance recipient contributes to the cost of their YMCA involvement. Therefore, applicants will be asked to pay a portion of the fee for the requested service.

Q. How will the financial assistance amount be determined, and how quickly can I expect to receive financial assistance?

A. Scholarships are determined on an individual basis using a sliding-fee scale guideline to assist in designating the amount of assistance. Once the financial assistance application and required documents have been submitted to the designated staff member, within one (1) week, the YMCA will send you a letter explaining your assistance amount and expiration date. If you already have a membership, it will be your responsibility to notify the membership department for a rate adjustment.

Q. How long will the financial assistance continue?

A. Each scholarship is good for one (1) year, and a renewal request and current documentation will need to be submitted upon expiration.

Q. Who will be reviewing my application?

A. The administrative assistant is responsible for reviewing and approving all applications for assistance. All information is handled confidentially.

Q. May I do anything in return for this assistance?

A. Yes! At the YMCA, youth and adults are encouraged to volunteer. Also, YMCA donors appreciate learning how their contributions are used. Submitting a short note about how you or your family benefited from the financial assistance is appreciated.

Q. Is financial assistance available at all YMCA of Oklahoma City branches?

A. Financial assistance is available at every branch of the YMCA. Because scholarships are branch specific, financial assistance is not transferable from one branch to another. Financial assistance must be requested from the branch at which you wish to participate as a member or program participant.

Signature

Date