



## YMCA Financial Assistance

### Membership and Program Financial Assistance Policy

YMCA membership, programs and activities are designed to benefit persons of all backgrounds. Financial assistance is awarded, according to YMCA guidelines, based on the information provided by the applicant.

#### *How can I apply for assistance?*

1) Complete the form and attach a copy of last year's income tax return, a copy of your W-2 wage and tax statement, and a copy of your last two (2) paycheck stubs. 2) If you are not employed, please attach a detailed letter explaining how your monthly expenses are met.

#### *How much assistance will be provided?*

Assistance is based on information provided by the applicant, following YMCA guidelines.

#### *How long will the assistance continue?*

Assistance will be granted for one (1) year.

#### *Why does the YMCA request financial information?*

Our goal is to provide assistance to those who qualify. Our annual Strong Kids Campaign volunteers raise money to provide the scholarships; we strive to be responsible in awarding assistance to those who have a real need. We utilize a sliding fee scale to make determinations. **This application will not be processed unless all the required information has been attached.**

#### *Who furnishes the funds for the membership and program assistance policy?*

Most funds come from our Strong Kids Campaign. Each year people from this community volunteer their time to raise money to help youths and families become familiar with the YMCA mission.

### **CHECKLIST FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS**

*(All documentation must be received before scholarship application is processed.)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attach a letter on a separate sheet of paper explaining why you need assistance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attach a copy of last two paycheck stubs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attach a last year's Income Tax Return
- \_\_\_\_\_ If you are on SSI or any disability, attach a copy of the letter you receive showing your income.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If you do not work and do not receive supplemental income, you will need to attach a detailed letter stating how you pay for your monthly expenses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attach a letter of appreciation for receiving scholarship assistance. (Renewals only)

**Any missing documentation will result in scholarship paperwork being returned to applicant and delay the review of your scholarship. Scholarship processing will take seven (7) to ten (10) business days. You will receive notification by mail.**