



YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City Request for Financial Assistance

Date of Application _____

Applicant's Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Place of Employment (Mother) _____ Work Phone _____

Place of Employment (Father) _____ Work Phone _____

| Children | Age | Sex | Grade | DOB |
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Assistance Requested For: (Check All That Apply)

Membership (check one) Youth (0-12) Teen (13-19) Adult Family

Programs (check all that apply) Before/After School Camp Child Care Membership

Sports Swim Lessons Other

Reason For Assistance: **PLEASE USE SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER FOR YOUR REASONS**

Financial Assistance Information

Program Fee \$ _____ Amount You Can Pay \$ _____

Gross Monthly Family Income:

| | Applicant | Spouse |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|
| Employment | | |
| Child Support | | |
| AFDC | | |
| Food Stamps | | |
| Loans/Grants | | |
| Other Income Sources | | |
| Total | | |

Combined Income Total \$ _____

Please identify other income sources _____

Gross Monthly Family Expenses:

Do you rent own your home? Yes No

| | Applicant | Spouse |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| Mortgage/Rent | | |
| Utilities | | |
| Car Payment | | |
| Day Care | | |
| Insurances | | |
| Other Expenses | | |
| Total | | |

Combine Expense Total \$ _____

Please identify other expenses _____

Would you be interested in giving a testimonial about the benefit of the YMCA assistance program? Yes No

CHECKLIST FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

- 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.

Any missing documentation will result in scholarship paperwork being returned to applicant and delay of the review of your scholarship.

Scholarship processing can take up to five (5) business days or one (1) week.
 You will receive notification by mail.

I HEREBY CERTIFY ALL THE INFORMATION PRESENTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROGRAMS MAY BE USED ONLY AT THE ISSUING YMCA BRANCH.

Signature _____ Date _____

Sample Sliding Fee Scale (Based on one (1) dependent child in family. Each case is different and will be granted awards on an individual basis. No two applicants situations are the same.

| Annual Gross Family Income | % of Fee |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| \$35,000 + | 100% |
| \$30,000 - \$34,999 | 90% |
| \$25,000 - \$29,999 | 80% |
| \$20,000 - \$24,999 | 70% |
| \$15,000 - \$19,999 | 60% |
| Below \$15,000 | 50% |

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.