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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Milwaukee Recreation's Youth Program Fund provides financial assistance to youth living in the City of Milwaukee who may not be able to afford Recreation Department enrichment programs. Scholarships are available to all eligible youth; however, due to a limited amount of funding each program season, all applications are evaluated on a first come, first serve basis.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

LIST ALL CHILDREN APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIP (UNDER 18 LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD)

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate	Gender	MPS Student ID # (if applicable)

Do you have an account with Milwaukee Recreation?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amount Able to Pay: _____ Total Scholarship Amount Being Requested: _____

Eligibility Verification

ELIGIBILITY MUST BE VERIFIED BEFORE THIS APPLICATION WILL BE APPROVED.

MPS Students (eligibility already verified by MPS): MPS ID# used to confirm eligibility in Infinite Campus.

All Others: Please select an option below **AND** attach proof of eligibility (letter from Agency, etc.):
(this includes MPS students whose eligibility is not verifiable in Infinite Campus - see Eligibility Requirements on reverse)

☐ SNAP/Foodshare ☐ WI Shares ☐ Foster Care ☐ Badgercare Other: _____

Unable to Meet/Show Proof of Eligibility Requirements? Please Explain: _____

➔ I have read the requirements and guidelines on the reverse side and certify that all information provided on this application is accurate.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Clerk / Resource / Supervisor	Residency Verified?	☐ Infinite Campus	OR	☐ Attached Documentation	RecTrac Receipt #: _____	Staff Initials: _____
	Eligibility Verified?	☐				
Recreation Director or Designee	☐ Approved ☐ Denied Reason if Denied: _____					
	Signature: _____ Date: _____					

DOCUMENTATION

Scholarship application, eligibility verification, and program registration form **MUST** be received **at least five (5) days prior** to program start date.

NOTE:

1. All documentation is **REQUIRED**. Applications with **incomplete** or **missing** documents **WILL NOT** be accepted
2. Program participation is **NOT ALLOWED** until application is approved. (**EXCEPTION**: Eligibility that can be verified in Infinite Campus).
3. If application is denied, full payment is required in order to enroll in program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- **Must be a resident of the City of Milwaukee.**
- **Must be 17 years of age or younger (at the time scholarship application materials are received).**
 - **School-Aged Youth:**
 - a. MPS student eligibility verifiable in Infinite Campus (MPS Recreation staff will verify on-site) **OR**
 - b. Letter showing proof of **ANY** state or federal assistance received (plastic cards not accepted).
 - Examples: SNAP/Foodshare, Wisconsin Shares, Foster Care, Medicaid, etc.
 - **Pre-School Aged Youth:**
 - a. Eligible if an older sibling (who's in school & living in same household) is verified as eligible.
****No older sibling in school (or eligibility cannot be verified)?** See School-Aged Youth (b) above.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES/DISTRIBUTION

- **Up to \$100 per child, per school year (August 1 - July 31).**
 - Awarded funds may be used throughout the year.
 - Must reapply each year (funds expire on August 1st).
- **INELIGIBLE PROGRAMS:**
 - Before & After School Childcare Camps
 - Club Rec
 - Driver Education
 - Field Trips
 - All School-Based Sports (player fees, uniforms, etc.)
 - Special Events
 - Summer Recreation Enrichment Camps (SREC)
- **RESTRICTIONS:**
 - Cannot be used for supplies (not included in program fee).
 - a. Examples: Spanish books, swim caps, yoga mats, etc.
 - Cannot be used for snack bar or gift card purchases.
 - Cannot be used for rentals (facility, mobile units, etc.).
 - Funds cannot be transferred to another household.
 - Funds do not 'roll over' from year to year.
 - Funds cannot be used to pay for a previous transaction.
 - a. Only fees paid for enrollment in a current season can be refunded (paid for with scholarship funds).

QUESTIONS?

Visit www.mkerec.net/scholarship or call (414) 475-8180.



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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Who can apply for a scholarship?** A parent or legal guardian of a child 17 years of age or younger who resides in the City of Milwaukee.
2. **Do I need to be a City resident to apply for a scholarship?** Yes, all recipients must reside in the City of Milwaukee.
3. **What documentation is needed to apply for a scholarship?** A completed scholarship application, a completed program registration form, and proof of **ANY** state or federal assistance received is required. Proof can either be 1) letter showing proof of ANY state or federal assistance received OR a **screenshot** from the agency website that confirms eligibility or, 2) verification in Infinite Campus (MPS students whose eligibility has already been verified). **No other verification will be accepted.** Eligible programs include (but are not limited to):
 - Foodshare/SNAP (WI Dept. of Health Services)
 - Foster Care (WI Dept. of Children & Families)
 - Homeless Assistance (WI Dept. of Children & Families)
 - Badgercare (WI Dept. of Health Services)
 - Refugee Assistance (WI Dept. of Children & Families)
 - Rent Assistance (City of Milwaukee Housing Authority OR Milwaukee County Health & Human Services)
 - Wisconsin Shares (WI Dept. of Health Services)
4. **What if I cannot meet or show proof of eligibility?** Please provide a brief explanation on the application form. If you have additional questions call (414) 475-8180.
5. **Can I apply for a scholarship for my grandchild, niece, nephew, or other relation?** To apply for a scholarship for a child, you must be that child's parent or legal guardian.
6. **Who should be listed as members of the household?** List all children under 18 that reside in the household that could be eligible for a scholarship (even if he/she is not registering for a class). If you have more than six (6) children, please use an additional form.
7. **My child does not attend an MPS school. Can I still apply for a scholarship?** Yes. The Everyone Plays! Scholarship Program is available to any eligible child residing in the City of Milwaukee.
8. **What if I am a foster parent and want to request a scholarship for a foster child?** Foster children are eligible for scholarships. See question #4 above for further instructions.
9. **Which activities cannot be paid for by a scholarship?** Scholarships cannot be used for:
 - Before and After School Childcare Camps
 - Club Rec
 - Driver Education
 - Field Trips
 - All School-Based Sports (player fees, uniforms, etc.)
 - Special Events
 - Summer Recreation Enrichment Camps (SREC)
 - Additionally, the following **CANNOT** be paid for with scholarship funds:
 - Supplies (not included in program fee - e.g. spanish books, swim caps, yoga mats, etc.)
 - Snack bar or gift card purchases
 - Rentals (facility, mobile units, etc.)
10. **How much do I qualify for?** Each child is eligible to receive up to \$100, per school year (August 1 - July 31).
11. **Do I have to spend all scholarship funds at one time?** No. Funds can be applied to programs during any season as long as the funds haven't expired and a balance still remains on your Milwaukee Recreation account.
12. **Do scholarship funds expire?** Yes. Awarded funds are available for the duration of the current school year (August 1 - July 31). Recipients must reapply each year to be considered for another scholarship.
13. **My child was approved for a scholarship last season. How do I go about registering for a class this season and using scholarship funds?** Unless funds expired on August 1st, you can register in-person at one of our Community Centers, at MPS Central Services (5225 W. Vliet St., Rm 56), or at the OASIS Building (2414 W. Mitchell St.).
14. **How will I know if my scholarship application has been approved?** The Scholarship Coordinator will notify you via email (or phone if no email provided) regarding the application decision.
15. **How can I check my child's scholarship balance?** You can check your scholarship balance by calling Milwaukee Recreation at (414) 475-8180.