

City of Winter Park Scholarship Program

The City of Winter Park Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing quality recreational opportunities to all residents regardless of their economic status. Our scholarship program provides scholarships of up to 50% of the program fee, but requires recipients to perform volunteer hours in return. In addition, we offer a pricing structure for our summer camp and after school programming that gives a reduced fee to participants that qualify for free and reduced lunch through Orange County Public Schools.

A formal request form must be submitted for each youth in the household that is requesting a scholarship for a City of Winter Park recreation program. All information will remain confidential.

All applicants wishing to be considered for a scholarship or fee reduction must meet the following criteria listed below:

- City of Winter Park resident – proof of residency is required.
- Child currently participating in or eligible for Orange County School free or reduced lunch program.
- The application must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department office at least two weeks prior to the start of the program registration.
- Scholarship availability is limited and is dependent upon availability of matching funds.
- Scholarships can be used for select City of Winter Park programs only.

Other Scholarship Considerations:

- Applicant may be eligible for multiple scholarships during the course of the year for multiple programs.
- Scholarship recipients must complete volunteer hours to continue to be eligible for future scholarships.
- Multiple scholarships may be awarded within a family to eligible applicants based on scholarship availability.
- Scholarships may be denied and/or discontinued if the recipient has a behavior problem during participation.
- Scholarships may be denied and/or discontinued if the recipient fails to show up for the program, unless there is valid excuse for the absences.
- Credits are not given to participants that cannot complete a program or are denied or discontinued in a program due to behavior issues.
- Volunteer hours for any existing scholarship awards must be completed before an applicant may apply for additional scholarship opportunities.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified of their scholarship award prior to the start of the program by the specified City liaison.
- Final action on scholarship request will depend on the total number of requests made by residents during the period prior to the program initiating.

Scholarship Fee Reduction:

Program Fees

Fee reductions are based on the County and State School Board Reduced Lunch Program criteria. Meeting either the free or reduced lunch criteria will result in a reduction of program fees up to 50%. *If attending private school you will be required to provide documentation from school that demonstrates financial need/hardship.

“Work to Play”

Scholarship value must be matched through volunteer service. Volunteer service will equate to an hourly service rate valued against the balance of the scholarship granted. Each service hour will be worth a value of \$10 per person / per hour volunteered.

Example:

- ❖ **If the program fee is \$100 and the scholarship recipient receives a 50% reduction then the recipient will have the obligation to complete 5 hours of volunteer service.**
- ✓ \$100 – 50% scholarship = \$50 balance due + 5 hours of volunteer service

- ✓ **If the program fee is \$100 and the scholarship recipient receives a 25% reduction then the recipient will have the obligation to complete 2.5 hours of volunteer service.**
- ✓ \$100 – 25% scholarship = \$75 balance due + 2.5 hours of volunteer service

Projects will be assigned by the Recreation Chief or his/her designee. The projects may include assistance with special events, programming, facility maintenance, or concession stand duty. Scholarship participants may utilize the assistance of their family members (parent/guardian) to assist in completing the volunteer service hours required to meet the balance that is due. Volunteers must be a minimum of 11 years old to perform volunteer hours.

Winter Park Community Center

Scholarship Application

Scholarship Applicant Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ / _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip code _____

Phone #1 _____ Phone #2 _____

Program Applying for _____ Date _____ Time _____

Please mark times available to volunteer:

Days: _____ Weekends _____ Weekdays

Time: _____ Mornings _____ Afternoons _____ Nights

Office Staff only:

Submitted date _____ Program _____ Original price \$ _____

Public school documentation submitted current year:

Free Lunch Form, 50% reduction or Reduced Lunch Form, 25% reduction

Private School Documentation provided: Yes No

Reduction amount approved case by case, _____ % Awarded

Approved by _____ Date approved _____

Balance owed _____ Volunteer hours owed _____

Note: