



Financial Assistance/Scholarship Program Guidelines

Purpose of the Financial Assistance/Scholarship Program

Gurnee Park District provides financial assistance/scholarships to residents who are interested in enrolling in a Park District program, but unable to do so due to financial hardships. Based on availability of funds, the Park District will attempt to provide financial assistance to those who qualify based on the eligibility requirements. Financial assistance will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis based on need as well as availability of funds. Gurnee Park District reserves the right to approve full or partial assistance or deny an applicant's request.

Qualifications and Limitations for Financial Assistance

1. Financial Assistance is available to Gurnee Park District residents only, and students living in District 50, District 56 and District 121 (Some exclusions may apply).
2. Financial assistance is available for all general recreation programs except trips and programs provided by an outside contractor. Contractual programs are listed as "Contracted by....." in the brochure and on the web. Some exclusions may apply.
3. Applications must be completed each fiscal year. Approval for one program does not ensure continued approval for succeeding programs or seasons. *The following count as one season or one individual program: nine weeks of camp, CARE/Days Off and Growing Tree Preschool programs.*
4. For those seeking assistance for memberships which last one-year in duration, an application must be submitted each year for that specific item at the time of expiration. Memberships are limited to one membership per person at a time.
5. Placement in requested programs is based on class availability. Registrations may be processed prior to scholarship approval with a 25% deposit per person, per program to ensure a spot in the activity. This 25% deposit will be used towards your final contribution amount. Registration and deposit does not guarantee scholarship approval.
6. Placement in requested camps is based on camp availability. Registrations may be processed prior to scholarship approval with a \$50 deposit per person, per camp to ensure a spot in the camp. This \$50 deposit will be used towards your final contribution amount. Registration and deposit does not guarantee scholarship approval.
7. The maximum an individual may receive in scholarship awards is \$1,500 annually. The fiscal year runs May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024.
8. The participant's payment, which will be outlined in the award letter, is due before registration can be processed.
9. Delinquency on participant's portion of the payment will result in ineligibility for future program participation and/or financial assistance.
10. All registration policies and procedures apply to financial assistance/scholarship applicants.
11. The scholarship committee evaluates each application submitted and makes the decision whether or not to grant the request.
12. If requested, the applicant must provide references.

Eligibility Guidelines

The following household size and pre-tax income criteria will be used to determine initial eligibility for financial assistance. Other factors such as current participation in public aid, food stamp program, subsidized housing, excessive medical bills etc. may also be considered in determining eligibility. To qualify, annual household income must be less than the values below. The chart is updated annually and may change year to year based on the data from HHS poverty guidelines and the chart provided by US Department of Agriculture guidelines for school free lunch programs.

<i>Qualifies for 75% Subsidy</i>		<i>Qualifies for 50% Subsidy</i>		<i>Qualifies for 25% Subsidy</i>	
Household Size	Total Income	Household Size	Total Income	Household Size	Total Income
1	\$18,954	1	\$22,954	1	\$26,954
2	\$25,636	2	\$29,636	2	\$33,636
3	\$32,318	3	\$36,318	3	\$40,318
4	\$39,000	4	\$43,000	4	\$47,000
5	\$45,682	5	\$49,682	5	\$53,682

Families with more than five in the household can find their income eligible number by reviewing the chart listed here -

<https://aspe.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1c92a9207f3ed5915ca020d58fe77696/detailed-guidelines-2023.pdf>

The following is the definition of income: Income is defined as any monies earned before any deductions such as income taxes, social security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) monetary compensation for services including wages, salary, commissions, or fees; (2) net income from non-farm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) social security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments; (8) unemployment compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement or pensions or veteran payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts, and other resources which would be available to pay for registration.

Application Procedures

Those who are seeking financial assistance must complete the Financial Assistance/Scholarship Application Form. Completed applications should be turned in at Hunt Club Park Community Center, 920 North Hunt Club Road, Gurnee, IL 60031 and directed to the Customer Experience Supervisor **at least three weeks prior to the start of the program or four weeks early if it is a camp, CARE or a Growing Tree Preschool program.** The applications will be individually reviewed, and the applicants will be notified of the decision within three weeks after receipt of the completed application at which point an email with a letter will be sent to the email address on the application with the determination and further instructions.

Required Documentation

Applications cannot be considered without submission of all the documents listed on the application. Missing documentation will delay review of the application until all documents are received. Front desk staff may make copies, if needed. The Park District may require additional documents if deemed necessary.

Responsibilities of the Award Recipients

A limited amount of award money is available, as such, attendance in the program/activities you are approved for is important. Scholarship awards can be revoked if participation is not regular.

If you have a medical or other reason you cannot participate in activity, it shall be the responsibility of the recipient (or their legal parent/guardian) to inform the park district of this conflict in participation. Failure to participate in 75% of the scheduled class dates may result in the revocation of your award.



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Applicant's Name (Head of Household) _____

Home Address, City, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

1. Please list each household member, and any monthly income for that person, whether employed or not, including all legal dependents:

Name	Age	Relationship to applicant	Gross Monthly Income from Employment	Monthly Income from Welfare, Child Support, Alimony (Before Deductions)	Monthly Income from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security, etc.
a. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
d. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
e. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
f. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Please describe the reason(s) you need financial assistance to participate in Gurnee Park District activities. This information is helpful in determining your financial assistance.

3. Please list the current employment information of all working individuals in your household:

Your Employer _____

Your Position _____

Address/City/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Number of hours you work _____

Spouse/Partner's Employer _____

Spouse/Partner's Position _____

Address/City/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Number of hours spouse/partner works _____

4. Required documents to submit with application. Application will be denied without proper documentation.

- A. If registering for a program, a Program Registration Form is required. (Your registration will not be processed until the scholarship is approved and your co-pay is submitted, unless a deposit is paid.)
- B. If registering for a season pass or other membership, a Membership Application Form is required. (Your membership will not be processed until the scholarship is approved and your co-pay is submitted.)
- C. Proof of residency (copy of driver's license, state ID or current utility bill with name and address).
- D. Copy of most recent federal Income tax return. If you did not file taxes for the past two years please submit an IRS Account Transcript Form from <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>
- E. Copy of two most recent pay stubs for all household members.

5. Additional documents you may submit to help determine financial assistance. Please check assistance you are currently receiving and attach only those documents.

- Public Aid/Cash (Copy of document including amount received) Case # _____
- SNAP/food stamps (copy of approval document) Case # _____
- Medical assistance HFS, WIC, etc. (copy of medical eligibility given as proof at a doctor's office)
- School Lunch Program (copy of school approval letter) – **This letter will expedite application review process.**
- HUD/Subsidized Housing (copy of lease or lease amendment)
- Unemployment benefits (copy of UI benefit approval document)
- Child support, alimony (copy of court documents listing the amount to be received)
- Copy of rental lease or mortgage statement (see above for HUD/Subsidized Housing Lease)
- Other benefits or sources of income: _____

- Excessive medical bills. Please explain: _____

I certify that the above information is true, correct and all income is reported. This information is being given to Gurnee Park District as application for financial assistance/scholarship only and will remain confidential. Park District officials may verify the information on the application and deliberate misrepresentation of the information will result in forfeiture of future assistance privileges and possible program participation.

Signature of applicant

Date

Program Registration Form

Viking Park Community Center
 4374 Old Grand Ave., Gurnee, IL 60031
 GurneeParkDistrict.com 847-623-7788



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Hunt Club Park Community Center
 920 N. Hunt Club Rd., Gurnee, IL 60031
 GurneeParkDistrict.com 847-623-7788

Primary Member Name _____

Male Female

Address _____

Home Phone _____

City/Zip _____

Work Phone _____

Date of Birth _____

Emergency Contact/Phone _____

E-mail _____

Residency Gurnee Park District* Non-Resident

School District Residency Dist. 50 Dist. 56 Dist. 121

*Gurnee Park District residents may be asked to prove residency by providing a copy of a real estate tax bill, lease agreement, driver's license, state ID card or utility bill.

Do you have any special needs or require any accommodations? _____

Participant Information

Program ID #	Program Name	First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	M/F	Fees
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

Total Paid: \$ _____

Method of Payment

Check # _____ Cash Credit Card

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Authorized Signature _____

Important Waiver Information:

You must sign and date the following to insure that you have read and fully understand the important waiver information on the back of this form, including, warning of risk, assumption of risk and release of all claims. If registering via fax, signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature. Registration will not be processed without a signature.

Participant Signature (If under 18 years old, Parent/Guardian Signature)

Date



Let Us Know How We're Doing

Gurnee Park District relies heavily on participant input in the development of its parks, programs, and services. Please take a moment to complete this form, rating your level of satisfaction with Gurnee Park District by indicating the number that applies as follows: 3 = Exceeds expectations, 2 = Meets expectations, 1 = Falls below expectations, and 0 = No opinion.

_____ Overall customer service	_____ Program instructors	_____ Program selection
_____ Registration process	_____ Recreation program guide	_____ Parks

How did you receive information about Park District program(s) you are registering for?

Is there anything we can do to provide better services for you? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

If you would like a personal response to your comments, please include your name, address, and phone number or email.

Note: We do not carry medical or accident insurance for program participants. The costs of that type of insurance would make program fees prohibitive. Please review your own personal health insurance plan to be certain that you and your family have the proper coverage. The use of this form is one of our answers to the national liability insurance crisis, allowing us to continue to offer quality programs to the public at reasonable costs. If you have any questions, please call 847-623-7788. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

WAIVER

WAIVER, RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR GURNEE PARK DISTRICT

Please read this form carefully and be aware that, in signing up and participating in Gurnee Park District programs, you will be waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, arising out of these programs, that you or the other named participants might sustain. The terms I, me, and my also refer to parents or guardians as well as participants in the programs. In registering for these programs you are agreeing as follows:

As a participant in these programs, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury and I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages or loss which I may sustain as a result of participating in any manner, in any and all activities connected with or associated with such programs. I further recognize and acknowledge that all athletic activities involving strenuous exertion or potential body contact are hazardous recreational activities and involve substantial risks of injury.

I agree to waive and relinquish any and all claims I may have as a result of participating in these programs against the Gurnee Park District, any and all other participating or cooperating governmental units, any and all independent contractors, officers, agents, servants and employees of the governmental bodies and independent contractors, and any and all other persons and entities, of whatever nature, that might be directly or indirectly liable for any injuries that I might sustain while participating in these programs. (The parties described in the preceding sentence are referred to as released parties in the remainder of this Agreement).

I do hereby fully release and discharge the Gurnee Park District and the other released parties from any and all claims for injuries, damage or loss which I may have or which may accrue to me on account of my participation in these programs.

I further agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Gurnee Park District and any and all other released parties, from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages and losses sustained by anyone, and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with my conduct and the activities of these programs.

I further understand and agree that the terms such as participation, programs, and activities, referred to in this Agreement, include all exercises and physical movement of any nature while I am participating in these programs and further include the provision of or failure to provide proper instructions or supervision, the use and adjustment of any and all machinery, equipment, and apparatus, and anything related to my use of the services, facilities, or premises involved in these programs, and transportation to and from any events.

I understand the nature of these programs for which I am registering and have read and fully understand this Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement. I further understand that any advisements or warnings of the particular risks of these programs that I subsequently receive will be incorporated by reference into and become a part of this agreement.