



Youth Scholarship Program

Decatur Park District



The Decatur Park District recognizes that financial assistance may be required in order for children in our community to have equal access to our programs. As such, the Decatur Park District has developed a Youth Scholarship Program available to qualified residents. Eligibility and level of assistance are determined based upon family size and income levels.

Who is eligible for financial assistance?

Applicants for the Youth Scholarship Program must be Decatur residents under the age of 18. Financial assistance is awarded without regard to race, color, religion, age, disability, or national origin of the applicant.

What amount of assistance is available?

Financial assistance awarded is based on a family's need and availability of the Youth Scholarship Program funds. Scholarship amounts awarded will be between 50%-90% of program fees, not to exceed \$250 per individual or \$750 per family. Scholarship recipients are responsible for paying the remaining balance owed.

When do I turn in my scholarship application?

Completed scholarship applications should be turned in with your child's registration form. Only completed applications with all information submitted can be considered and processed. Scholarship applications are good for one year from the date submitted.

When can my child begin class with a Youth Scholarship Program award?

Children participating in a program with a Youth Scholarship Program award can begin class once their completed scholarship application, all required scholarship application documents and registration form have been received.

Where do I turn in my scholarship application?

Return your scholarship application to:
Decatur Park District
Youth Scholarship Program
Attn: Barbara Kessinger
620 E. Riverside Ave
Decatur, IL 62521



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Required Documents



Proof of Residency

1. Valid State of Illinois Driver's License or State ID **AND**
2. Current utility bill

Proof of Household Income

1. Copy of most recent IRS 1040 tax return **OR**
2. If a 1040 has not been filed the following can be accepted:
 - Checking/Savings Account statements for previous 2 months
 - Worker's Compensation for previous 2 months
 - SSA/SSI Award letter (disability income)
 - Proof of unemployment benefits for previous 2 months
 - Copy of Divorce decree including alimony and child support amounts

Youth Scholarship Program Application

Program Registration Form

***ALL ITEMS listed above must be included when submitting your Youth Scholarship Program application or it will not be considered for processing.

***Please note that children participating in a program with Youth Scholarship Program funds cannot begin class/program until all completed scholarship information is received.




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Application Instructions



1. The application form must be completed in its entirety and all required documents (as outlined on the required documents sheet) must accompany the application for the participant to be registered for the class/program.
2. The application as well as the waiver on the registration form must be signed. Failure to sign the forms will result in delaying registration.
3. All information on the application must be true and accurate. Financial assistance is legally recoverable if paid and awarded on the basis of false information supplied by the applicant and will nullify any request for financial assistance.
4. After receiving a completed application and required documents, families will be notified within 1 week of the status of the scholarship application. Any remaining balances owed must then be paid within two weeks.
5. All Decatur Park District programs are eligible for scholarship awards with the exception of trips, ticketed events, facility/rental fees, day passes and competitive/club leagues.
6. Outstanding balances due to the Park District must be paid in full before enrollment and/or participation in other Park District activities. If agreements/contracts are in default all Park District privileges will be suspended until balance has been paid.
7. Have additional questions? Please contact Barb Kessinger at 217-422-5911.

The Park District recognizes that the personal information provided by applicants for financial assistance is highly confidential and private. The Park District will not release this information without the applicant's written permission unless such release is required by law.



Child Care Resource Service helps income-eligible parents who are working and/or going to school pay for child care. Eligibility is based on family size and income. Please pick up an application form from CCRS or call 333-3252 or 800-325-5516. **Scholarships are not awarded for a program CCRS is paying for.**

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Confidential Financial Assistance Application

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
 (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Address: _____
 Decatur, IL Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Marital Status: (circle one)

Single Married Divorced Separated Widowed

Total # living in household: _____
 (Please Print)

Full Name	Date of birth	School Attending	Relationship to Applicant

Does your household receive any government assistance? Yes or No

If yes, please describe: _____

Total Annual Household Income: (including alimony/child support) \$ _____

Please briefly provide any additional information that you think might help us in making a determination about qualifications for the Youth Scholarship Program (optional)

I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income has been reported. I understand that Park District officials may verify this information and that misrepresentation of the information will result in the denial of financial assistance.

 Signature of Applicant

 Date