Farmington Parks and Recreation Department's Youth Scholarship Program Funded by the Farmington Rotary Foundation & Louis Schmitz Foundation

Information and Application Form

Year 2019-2020

Return completed application form, supporting materials and a completed program registration form to:

Ryan Hayes, Recreation Supervisor
Farmington Parks & Recreation
430 Third Street
Farmington, MN 55024
Questions: 651-280-6854

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1. Scholarships are given to youth 17 years and younger.
2. Scholarships can be used for lessons, programs and activities offered by Farmington Parks & Recreation except facility admission fees. Some restrictions apply.
3. Maximum amount given per calendar year will be $100/child.
4. Applicants must be residents living within the boundaries of ISD #192.
5. Applications must be completed and received in the Parks & Recreation Department Office located at 430 Third Street, Farmington, MN.
6. All application and financial information provided are considered private data on individuals and is subject to privacy of information provisions, pursuant to State Statute.
7. Farmington Parks & Recreation staff reserves the right to verify all information contained on the application form in order to grant, deny or revoke any scholarship monies.
8. Applicants will be notified either in person, by mail or phone as to the outcome of their scholarship request in a timely manner.
9. A completed program registration and any partial payment or tuition vouchers from County or State financial assistance programs must accompany the scholarship application form.
10. Failure to attend an activity or program that has been paid through the scholarship program may jeopardize future scholarship funding for the family.
11. Persons applying for scholarship funding must meet certain income limits to qualify for scholarship funding. Applicant must show proof of income by attaching one of the following to the scholarship application:
    a. Most recent monthly AFDC or TANF payment stub.
    b. Verification letter from a public or private school indicating the applicant qualifies for USDA Free or Reduced Hot Lunch Program
    c. Verification letter from the State of Minnesota or Dakota County Family Services Department or another County (i.e. Hennepin, etc.) Family Services Department stating the applicant qualifies for scholarship funding based on USDA Free or Reduced Hot Lunch Program income limits. (See attached sheet for specific government programs in which enrolled participants would be eligible to receive scholarship awards and to review current income limits.)
    d. The most recent copy of the family's Federal Income Tax Form.
12. We understand that from time to time families may encounter some unforeseen and unfortunate circumstances, emotionally or financially, that may cause disruption and discord in the family. During these times this program may provide some scholarship (program fee) assistance to help the family meet some of their recreational needs. If you feel you are in need of scholarship assistance, but do not meet the income guidelines, please attach a letter to your registration form stating your circumstances. These are special circumstances and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
13. Scholarships will be granted only if funds are available.
14. Questions should be directed to the Farmington Parks & Recreation office, 651-280-6850.

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Government Programs – Aid or Fee Assistance at a
Federal, State, County and School District level

Federal/State
USDA Free or Reduced Lunch Program
SSI (Social Security Assistance)
All other funds given to Counties

County
Food Stamps
AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children)
Child Care Assistance
Medical Assistance
Minnesota Supplemental Aid (cash given to persons with disabilities)
MFIP (Minnesota Family Intervention Program)
General Assistance (assistance given for food, housing, clothing & basic necessities)
Jobs & Training Assistance
WIC (women, infants & children)
Foster/Respite Care
Special Needs Adopt

School District
Free/Reduced Lunch Program

Annual Income Guidelines based on USDA Free and Reduced Lunch

Household Size	Yearly Income 100% (Free) (7/1/19-6/30/20)	60%(Reduced) (7/1/19-6/30/20)
1	$15,678	$22,311
2	$21,112	$30,044
3	$26,546	$37,777
4	$31,980	$45,510
5	$37,414	$53,243
6	$42,848	$60,976
7	$48,282	$68,709
8	$53,716	$76,442
each additional family member add	$ 5,434	$ 7,733

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Please complete all information. We reserve the right to verify all information contained on this form.

Applicant's name:_____Date:_____

Address:_____ City:_____ Zip:_____

Home phone:_____ Work phone:_____ ***Email:** _____

please include email for registration follow-up, scholarship information or program updates.

List number of family members, including parent(s), living in household:_____.

Name, ages, grades of children to receive scholarship funds and programs requested for said funding:

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- Total cost of the classes or programs. $_____
- How much of the total cost are you able to pay? $_____
- Total amount of scholarship funding you are requesting? $_____

Applicants requesting scholarship funding must meet certain income limits. All applicants must show proof of income by providing one of the following documents:

- ☐ **Most recent monthly AFDC or TANF payment stub**
- ☐ **A verification letter from a public or private school that states that the applicant qualifies for the Federal Government's Free or Reduced Hot Lunch Program**
- ☐ **A verification letter from the Dakota County Family Services Department that states that the applicant qualifies for scholarship funding based on the income limits found on the next page.**
- ☐ **The most recent copy of the family's Federal Income Tax Form.**

NOTICE: The application period is for the season & year in which the program begins. Programs that carry over to a new year will be charged against the year in which the application was made. A new application form must be completed each time a scholarship is requested for a program in order to verify that the applicant meets the current income guidelines for the scholarship program. Scholarship funding may not be available for all classes or programs. Please allow a period of at least five (5) business days to determine scholarship eligibility

Acknowledgement of Correct Information:
I acknowledge that the information contained on this application is accurate and correct. I hereby give permission to the Farmington Parks and Recreation Department to verify this information. I understand that if any information on this application form is found to be incorrect, my privileges of applying for scholarship funding could be revoked.

Signature of Applicant:_____ Date: _____

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY, APPLICANT DO NOT COMPLETE

Date and initials of staff person receiving application: _____

Request is: ____Approved ____Denied ____100% coverage____60% coverage ____other

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Signature of Parks and Recreation Director or Designee Date