

Greenwich Parks and Recreation Department Youth Recreation Scholarship Guidelines

Purpose:

Our scholarship program provides income eligible families exposure to positive experiences, and active lifestyles, as well as opportunities to gain and refine life skills, and to develop positive personal and social assets through our recreational programs.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a resident of Greenwich and be the legal parent/guardian of the child/children for which they are applying.

How to Apply:

Scholarship applications are available in the Parks and Recreation Office (address below) or on our website: www.greenwichct.org.

Completed applications with all proper documentation MUST be submitted a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the start of the program. Scholarship and program applications must be filled out completely and legibly. If information is not legible or complete, the application will be returned. Scholarship applications must be accompanied by the program registration forms, 2 proofs of residency (listed below*), proof of income (most recent Federal Tax Return), birth certificate and medical records (as requested) along with the appropriate application fees. Additional information/documentation may be required.

Application Fees:

Applicants will be required to pay a non-refundable **\$25.00** fee per child, per section to submit a Scholarship Application, all checks payable to "Town of Greenwich". This fee will be applied to the program fee.

Applications **MUST** be submitted to the Department of Parks and Recreation:

Department of Parks and Recreation Town Hall-2nd Floor 101 Field Point Road Greenwich, CT 06830 **Attn: Scholarship Office**

*Proof of Residency: (Please note: if applicant is not the primary addressee on the Parks and Recreation household account, the scholarship application must also include 2 proofs of residency from the primary addressee in addition to the applicant).

What are acceptable proofs?

Current Residential Rental Lease
Current Utility Bill (Gas, Electric, Water, Oil)
Moving Company Contract
Current Phone, Internet and/or TV Service Bill (No Cell/wireless Phone Bills)
Current Credit Card Bill or Bank Statement (No Mortgage Statement)
Valid Driver's License or Connecticut State ID Card

Approval Process:

A representative of the Department of Parks and Recreation may contact the applicant to verify information. Eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Applicants will be notified by mail of their funding status. All information will be kept confidential. Only one scholarship will be awarded per child per season.

Once the application is processed, the applicant will receive a scholarship award letter in the mail which will inform them of their funding status. The applicant may be required to pay an additional portion of the program fee <u>based on eligibility and available funds</u>. All fees are due by the date indicated on the scholarship award letter; failure to pay on time may jeopardize the child's participation in the program as well as eligibility for future scholarships.

If for <u>any</u> reason the child is unable to participate in the program, it is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to notify the Department in writing to the above address (the Department of Parks and Recreation is not responsible for lost, damaged, undelivered, or misaddressed mail) or via email to <u>pnrecs@greenwichct.org</u> <u>prior</u> to the start of the program or it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to pay their portion of the fees.

To follow up on the status of an application, please call the Department at 203-622-6472.

Funding for scholarships is limited, and as such, those chosen as recipients should consider it a privilege. By accepting scholarship funds, the parent/guardian agrees to the commitment of the child's full participation in the program. Scholarship recipients with poor attendance or considered a "no show" will be eliminated from scholarship consideration for the duration of one year. Repeat offenders will be permanently eliminated from consideration.

There will be a \$25.00 fee for any returned checks.

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Youth Recreational Scholarship Application For Greenwich Residents Only

Completed applications with all proper documentation must be submitted 3 weeks prior to the start of the program. Only one scholarship will be awarded per child, per season. There is a non-refundable application fee of \$25.00 per child, per session or program, due at the time of registration. This fee will be applied towards the program fee.

It is understood that the information on this application will be held in strict confidence and that eligibility will be determined by personnel of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Child's Name:			Age: DC	DB:
Legal parent/guardian making request:		Relationship to Child:		
Address:* 2 proofs of residency required	City	State	Zip	
		Cell#		
Email				
Are you a client of Social Services?	If yes, are you co	arrently applying for	a Summer Campe	ership?
Program applying for*Please note, only one session of camp	p will be considered per	Activity# _		ion#
Are you employed? Employ *Proof of income must be attached: n # of children in the household:	nost recent Federal Tax			
Have you received a Parks and Recreati	ion Scholarship in the pas	st?, if s	so when?	
Please state reason for assistance:				
The information provided is true and co such information for purposes of incom understand that any willful misstatemen outstanding balance I have on my hou	e and verification related at of material fact will be	to my application fo grounds for disqualif	r financial assista fication. I agree t	nce. I t o pay any
Signature of legal parent/guardian			Date	
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