

Financial Assistance Application

Itasca County Family YMCA 400 River Road, Grand Rapids, MN 55744



You must attach statements which will verify your current earnings:

- a copy of last year's IRS Tax Statement (Front page of Federal only! Form 1040, 1040EZ Please black out all Social Security Numbers)
- your SSI allocation statement, food stamp statement, child support judgement
- current pay stubs or monthly bank statement showing direct deposit income sources (black out account numbers)
- In determining eligibility for membership assistance, *all sources of household income* are taken into consideration. This should include any *wages, tips, cash or barter income; any child support; any earnings from investments; any income from social service assistance, food stamps, stipends; and any income from unemployment or disability from all members of household.*

If you do not receive any such statements, please submit a letter of recommendation from your church pastor, social worker, or counselor.

Applications with missing information and/or documents will not be considered.

- If approved for assistance, membership dues must be paid monthly at the YMCA Membership Desk.
- Please allow a minimum of two weeks for this application to be approved (or denied).
- You will be contacted in writing as to the status of this application.

Name:	Birthdate:	Sex:
Address:	Phone: ()	
City, State, Zip:	Place of Employment:	
Spouse Name:	Birthdate:	Sex:
Spouse Place of Employment:		
Children's Name(s) if included on membership:	Birthdate:	Sex:
	Birthdate:	Sex:
	Birthdate:	Sex:
	Birthdate:	Sex:
Email Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Program I am applying for assistance for this program (check one or both).	

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Monthly Family INCOME:

Expenses:

Wages, salaries, and tips	\$ _____	Rent/Mortgage	\$ _____
Unemployment compensation	\$ _____	Utilities	\$ _____
Social Security compensation	\$ _____	Food	\$ _____
Child Support	\$ _____	Clothing	\$ _____
Aid to dependent children	\$ _____	Phone	\$ _____
Food Stamps	\$ _____	Car/insurance	\$ _____
401K/retirement funds	\$ _____	Alimony	\$ _____
Alimony	\$ _____	Child Support	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____	Medical	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____	Other	\$ _____
Total Monthly Income	\$ _____	Total Expenses	\$ _____

Questionnaire:

Have you ever applied for financial assistance before at this YMCA? _____

What volunteer service can you provide to the YMCA? _____

What type (single, family, teen, youth) of membership are you applying for? _____

What is the dollar amount that you are able to pay each month? _____

What benefits do you see in having this scholarship to join the YMCA as a member?

Why are you applying for scholarship assistance?

My signature below certifies that all of the information provided by me on this application is true and correct. I understand that falsification, misrepresentation or omission of facts will result in removal of my application for consideration.

I agree that the YMCA shall not be responsible for any personal injuries or losses sustained by me while on any YMCA premises, or as a result of any YMCA sponsored activities. I further agree to indemnify and save harmless the YMCA from any claims or demands arising out of such injuries or losses.

Applicants Signature: _____

Date: _____

Membership Financial Assistance Policies

Eligibility for Financial Assistance:

- ❑ People whose financial circumstances make them unable to pay the full fee for membership.
- ❑ Anyone is eligible to apply.
- ❑ Financial assistance is determined by family size and income and must include the income of the entire family.
- ❑ The Itasca County Family YMCA defines a “family” as a committed couple or single adult with their dependent children. Other members in the household will need to purchase a separate membership and if necessary, apply for financial assistance with a separate application.
- ❑ In order to help develop a strong sense of ownership and commitment to their membership, all recipients will contribute to the cost of their YMCA involvement.
- ❑ Assistance is granted based on a Financial Assistance Sliding Fee Scale approved by the Board of Directors. The executive director has the discretion to make exceptions to the sliding fee scale based on an applicant’s extenuating circumstances.
- ❑ The YMCA can and may deny financial assistance if the applicant’s income and household size does not qualify him/her based on the Financial Assistance Sliding Fee Scale.
- ❑ Financial Assistance funding is limited by contributions and grants received each year. If funding runs out, the YMCA may need to deny additional applicants for that given year.

Application process

- ❑ Application must be picked up in person at the YMCA Membership Desk.
- ❑ An adult must complete the Membership Financial Assistance Application and include copies of their most recent Federal Tax Return or SSI statement. Copies of current pay stubs and/or bank statements showing direct deposits of child support or other income is also required to be attached to the application.
- ❑ Financial Assistance recipients must reapply annually with changes made necessary based on the member’s current financial situation and funds available.
- ❑ Applicants should expect the application to take a minimum of two weeks to be processed.
- ❑ Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant with notice as to what information is missing.
- ❑ The YMCA will notify applicants by phone or in writing if their application was approved or denied; if approved the amount of their assistance and the fee they are responsible for will be included in the letter.

Other

- ❑ Memberships are non-transferable and intended only for the applicant(s).
- ❑ As with all Y memberships, accepted behavior is required. Any misconduct could result in suspension of this membership.
- ❑ All information disclosed on the Membership Financial Assistance Application is considered confidential.
- ❑ In order to administer financial assistance the members’ database record will contain information regarding their payment amount. This information may be accessible to a limited number of staff who provide service to the member.

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CODE OF CONDUCT TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS

The Itasca County Family YMCA is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all members and guests. To ensure the safety and comfort of all, the YMCA asks individuals to act appropriately at all times when they are in YMCA facilities or participating in YMCA programs.

We expect people using the YMCA to behave in a mature and responsible way and to respect the right and dignity of others. The YMCA's Code of Conduct does not permit language or action that can hurt or frighten another person or that falls below a generally accepted standard of conduct. Specifically, this includes:

- Inappropriate attire. Appropriate attire must be worn at all times
- Angry or vulgar language including swearing, name calling or shouting.
- Physical contact with another person in any angry or threatening way.
- Any demonstration of sexual activity or sexual contact with another person.
- Harassment or intimidation by words, gestures, body language or any other menacing behavior.
- Theft or behavior that results in the destruction of property.
- Carrying or concealing any weapons, devices or objects that may be used as weapons.
- Using or possessing illegal chemical or alcohol on YMCA property, in YMCA vehicles or at YMCA-sponsored programs.
- Any other conduct of an inappropriate, threatening or offensive nature.

Members and guests are encouraged to be responsible for their personal comfort and safety and ask any person whose behavior threatens their comfort to refrain from such behavior. If a member or guest feels uncomfortable in confronting the person directly, they should report the behavior to a staff person.

In order to be able to carry out these policies, the YMCA asks that members and guests identify themselves to staff when asked.

The Executive Director or Program Director will investigate all reported incidents. Suspension or termination of YMCA membership privileges may result from a determination by the Executive Director if, in his or her discretion, a violation of this Code of conduct has occurred.