



PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

Financial Assistance PROGRAM 2023

Am I and/or my family Eligible?

Eligible individuals and families must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Must be a resident of Oak Park
2. Meet the financial criteria (See application for details)
3. Provide proof of dependency (For dependent children)
4. Activity attendance, pass usage, and conduct will be a consideration annually when granting funds to repeat families.

What type of assistance is available?

The Park District offers **Scholarship** funds that can be used for all programs and passes offered by the Park District of Oak Park. (i.e. camps, programs, pool passes, group fitness classes, trips). Funds are not eligible for equipment purchases, facility, rentals, or family punch passes (skate rental, preschool playtime, open gym). Additionally, for dependent children entering Kindergarten through age 14, we offer a **Childcare Discount Membership** (CDM) which can provide discounts off of eligible full day camps and our after school Clubhouse Program.

If approved, how much funding is available?

For the Scholarship program: up to 75% of fees may be granted up to a maximum of \$300 per person.

For the CDM: up to a 55% discount on fees could be approved.

** Applying for both is encouraged if you have dependent children K-14 yr old

When and how can I apply?

Applications must be filled out annually using a paper application or online through our website at www.pdop.org/scholarship. Applications along with supporting eligibility documents are accepted anytime at Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex (415 Lake Street) or the PDOP Admin Office at 218 Madison St. Please call ahead for hours. You may also mail your packet in a sealed envelope (please write, "Attn: Customer Service Manager" to 218 Madison Street, Oak Park, IL 60302).

Do I have to renew my scholarship every year?

Yes, our financial assistance program runs January 1 through December 31 of each year. Applications can be accepted starting early December for the upcoming calendar year. You will want to apply prior to your intended upcoming registration.

I've submitted my application and documentation.

When will I know if a scholarship has been approved?

Depending on the season, scholarship applications may take between 3-10 business days for a response. Responses are given via email and/or phone. Funds are available on a first come, first served basis until all funding has been issued.

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Our Mission

In partnership with the community, we enrich lives by providing meaningful experiences through programs, parks, and facilities.

Our Goal

The Park District of Oak Park is dedicated to helping serve the residents of Oak Park. Scholarship funds are available to assist low income individuals and families in participating in Park District of Oak Park programs. These funds are provided by the Oak Park Township for children ages 9-17; and by the Park District of Oak Park for all other ages.

For More Information:

Phone: 708.725.2000

Email: info@pdop.org

www.pdop.org/findaid





Instructions

1. Form must be completed on both sides including information for all members of your household requesting financial assistance.
2. Complete Financial Assistance (FAS) Income Guidelines Form
3. Attach Proof of Income (all information is kept confidential and will not be shared)
4. Attach Proof of Residency, Proof of Dependents
5. Attach Park District registration form (if currently registering)
6. Turn in forms to 415 Lake St or 218 Madison St, Oak Park IL 60302, C/O Registration and Customer Support Manager
7. You will receive an email response within 3-10 business days regarding the status of your application.

Eligibility Requirements

Participants of all ages are welcome to apply for a scholarship; however the forms must be completed by an adult age 18 or older. The funding for participants ages 9 through 17 is provided by the Oak Park Township. For all other ages, funding is provided by the Park District of Oak Park. Funding will be awarded to Oak Park applicants and dependent household members only. Proof of dependents must be provided. (Tax form 1040, All Kids Health Card, Birth Certificate, etc...)

All applicants must be Oak Park residents, proof of residency is required—a valid driver’s license or state-issued ID with your Oak Park address, or two of the following: voter registration card, current lease, vehicle registration, home phone bill, vehicle sticker, utility bill.

For each Scholarship and CDM, the family’s income should not exceed the Income Guidelines set forth. Proof of income is required: tax return, current Medicaid card, public aid (i.e. All Kids healthcare card), District 97 free or reduced lunch acceptance letter, or if working, two consecutive pay stubs.

Attendance and participation will be a factor in awarding scholarships from season to season and year to year to financially eligible participants. This is to ensure scholarship funds are being properly used. The Park District of Oak Park reserves the right to approve or deny an applicant’s request.

Scholarship Distribution Chart

If approved, available monies will be allocated per individual as displayed here.

Income Level	(% Scholarship)/ (% Fees Required)	Max per person per year	Max per household per year
Tier 1 (see FAS chart pg. 4)	75%/25%	\$300	N/A
Tier 2 (see FAS chart pg. 4)	55%/45%	\$300	N/A
Tier 3 (see FAS chart pg. 4)	35%/65%	\$300	N/A

Childcare Membership Discount Allocation Chart

If approved, discount membership will be applied to eligible dependent.

Income Level	(% Discount on eligible activities)
\$0-\$39,000	55%
\$39,001 - \$65,000)	40%
\$65,001-\$100,000)	25%

Financial Assistance Program 2023

January 2023-December 2023

Funded by the Park District of Oak Park & Oak Park Township



Are you applying for the Scholarship, CDM, or both?	Scholarship	CDM	Both
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Please provide the following information

Applicant/Parent/Guardian's Name			
Cell Phone			Home Phone
Address			Oak Park, IL Zip
Are you currently employed?	Yes	No	E-Mail
Number of persons in household:	Children		Adults
Years/Months as an Oak Park resident:	Years		Months
Do you:	Own?		Rent?
Have you ever received a scholarship from the Park District of Oak Park?			Yes No
If you answered no, how did you hear about the scholarship?			
	Online	Program Guide	Word of Mouth School Other
Current year's total projected household income from all sources (please circle range).			
	less than \$15,000	\$25,000-\$35,000	
	\$15,000-\$20,000	\$35,000-\$45,000	
	\$20,000-\$25,000	(If above \$45,000 list amount)	
Type of proof provided:			
Are you a recipient of Public Aid, Unemployment or Aid to Dependent Children (ADC)?			Yes No
Is your child (ren) in the free or reduced subsidized lunch program at school?			Yes No
If checked yes, do you give the PDOP permission to confirm this with the school? (If you do not give permission, provide proof of residency, dependency, or income documents are required)			Yes No
Public Aid # (if applicable)			
Would you be interested in volunteering opportunities with the Park District of Oak Park?			Yes No
Race/Ethnicity (*Optional data will be used for Oak Park Township Statistics)			
American Indian or Alaska Native			Black or African American
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish			Middle Eastern or North African
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific			White
Islander Choose Not to Answer			Other (please

Please provide the following information regarding all family members who will be using the scholarship

Name (Last, First)	Date of Birth	Grade	Gender (M/F)	Your relationship to name listed	Check if applying your dependent for the CDM



Note: Applicant’s income will be verified with tax return, paycheck stub, or other appropriate document.

Note to Parent/Guardian:

Please circle the size of your household and your total household income below, and sign to verify your income. Household income must be equal to or less than the amounts listed for each pay period for your child to be eligible for the scholarship. You will need to present documentation verifying your income.

Circle Household Size and Income: (Scholarship Applicant only)

Household Size	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
	(Fees Covered) Scholarship 75% / 25% Participant	(Fees Covered) Scholarship 55% / 45% Participant	(Fees Covered) Scholarship 35% / 65% Participant
	Annual Income	Annual Income	Annual Income
1	17,667	25,142	32,616
2	23,803	33,874	43,944
3	29,939	42,606	55,272
4	36,075	51,338	66,600
5	42,211	60,070	77,928
6	48,347	68,802	89,256
7	54,483	77,534	100,584
8	60,619	86,236	111,912
Each add'l family member add	+6,136	+8,732	+11,328

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) social security; (4) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (5) net rental income; (6) public assistance or welfare payments; (7) unemployment compensation; (8) government civilian employment or military annuities; (9) private pensions or annuities; (10) alimony or child support payments; (11) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (12) net royalties ; and (13) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts, and other resources that would be available.

OR

If your family is faced with extraordinary bills, obligations or other responsibilities please indicate below, explaining that because of these, payment of fees is not possible at this time.

I _____ hereby certify that all information on the application is true and accurate. Scholarships are legally recoverable if paid and awarded based on false information supplied by the applicant. The submission of false information will nullify any request for waiver of program fees.

Signature of Applicant’s Parent/Legal Guardian

_____/_____/20_____
Date