



PARK DISTRICT  
of OAK PARK

## FOR INFORMATION

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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. Financial Assistance is available to offer individuals and families in need the opportunity to participate in Park District of Oak Park programs. These funds are provided by the Park District of Oak Park and additional support provided by the Oak Park Township for children ages 6-17.

# Financial Assistance 2025

2025 Application



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2025 Spanish Application



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## Q&A's

### 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?

- **Scholarship** funds 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 (i.e. skate rental, preschool playtime, open gym).
- **Childcare Discount Membership (CDM)** which can provide discounts off of eligible full day camps and our after school Clubhouse Program for children entering Kindergarten through age 14.

### If approved, how much funding is available?

- **Scholarship:** up to **75%** of fees may be granted up to a maximum of \$300 per person. Funds are available on a first come, first served basis.
- **Child Discount Membership:** 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?

1. **Online:** Please visit [pdop.org/findaid](https://pdop.org/findaid) or use QR code to complete our on-line application. \*Proof of residency, income, and dependents will be submitted on-line.
2. **Paper:** Please complete the paper application on the following pages, front and back.\*Proof of residency, income, and dependents are submitted with the paper application. Please submit applications to Administration Building **218 Madison Street** or Ridgeland Common Customer Service **at 415 Lake Street.**  
\*\*Acceptable forms can be found at [pdop.org/findaid](https://pdop.org/findaid).

### When will I know if my application has been approved?

Responses are given via email and/or phone within 3-10 days of receipt.

### Do I have to renew my application every year?

Yes, our financial assistance program runs from **January 1** through **December 31** of each year. Unused funds do not roll over to the new year. Please apply prior to your intended upcoming registration.



## APPLICATION FORM

### Please provide the following information

Are you applying for the Scholarship, CDM, or both?  Scholarship  CDM  Both

Applicant/Parent/Guardian's Name:

Address:

Email:  Phone #:

Are you currently employed?  Yes  No Number of persons in household:  Children  Adults

Years/Months as an Oak Park resident:  Years  Months Do you own or rent?  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 check range)

- less than \$15,000  \$15,000-\$20,000  \$20,000-\$25,000  
 \$25,000-\$35,000  \$35,000-\$45,000  (If above \$45,000 list amount)

Type of proof provided:

Are you a recipient of Public Aid, Unemployment or Aid of Dependent Children (ADC)?  Yes  No

Is your child(ren)/dependent in the free or reduce subsidized lunch program at school?  Yes  No

If checked yes, do you give PDOP permission to confirm this with the school?  Yes  No

**Note:** If you do not give permission, please provide proof of residency, dependency, and income documents.

Please provide Public Aid # (if applicable)

Race/Ethnicity (\*Optional data will be used for Oak Park Township Statistics)

- American Indian or Alaka Native  Black or African American  Preferred Not to Answer  
 Middle Eastern or North African  Hispanic, Latino or Spanish  Other   
 White/Caucasian  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

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

| Name (Last, First)   | Date of birth MM/DD/YY | School if applicable | Grade                | Your relationship to name listed | Check if applying your dependent for the (CDM) |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|
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**Scholarship Distribution Chart**  
If approved, available monies will be allocated per individuals as displayed here.

| Income Level | (%Scholarship)/<br>(%Fees Required) |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tier 1       | 75%/25%                             |
| Tier 2       | 55%/45%                             |
| Tier 3       | 35%/65%                             |

**Childcare Discount Membership Allocation Chart**  
If approved, discount membership will be applied to eligible dependent.

| Income Level       | (%Scholarship)/<br>(%Fees Required) |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| \$0-\$41,000       | 55%/45%                             |
| \$41,001-\$68,250  | 40%/60%                             |
| \$68,251-\$105,000 | 25%/75%                             |

**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<br>(Please Circle One) | Tier 1<br>(Fees Covered)               | Tier 2<br>(Fees Covered)               | Tier 3<br>(Fees Covered)               |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                                       | Scholarship / Participant<br>75% / 25% | Scholarship / Participant<br>55% / 45% | Scholarship / Participant<br>35% / 65% |
|                                       | Annual Income                          | Annual Income                          | Annual Income                          |
| 1                                     | 19,578                                 | 27,861                                 | 36, 897                                |
| 2                                     | 26,572                                 | 37,814                                 | 50,078                                 |
| 3                                     | 33,566                                 | 47,767                                 | 63,259                                 |
| 4                                     | 40,560                                 | 57,720                                 | 76,440                                 |
| 5                                     | 47,554                                 | 67,673                                 | 89,621                                 |
| 6                                     | 54,548                                 | 77,626                                 | 102,802                                |
| 7                                     | 61,542                                 | 87,579                                 | 115,983                                |
| 8                                     | 68,536                                 | 97,532                                 | 129,164                                |
| Each additional family member add     | +6,994                                 | +9,953                                 | +13,181                                |

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 legal wages, salary, commissions or fees; (2) net income from non-farm self employment; (3) social security; (4) dividends or interest on savings, 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 pension or annuities; (10) alimony or child support payments; (11) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (12) net royalties; (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, with an explanation why payment is not possible at this time.

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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.

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Signature of Applicant’s Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date