



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 2026

2026 Application



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2026 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 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.

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 \$20,000 ☐ \$20,000-\$30,000

☐ \$30,000-\$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 reduced subsidized lunch program at school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you agree to allow Oak Park School District 97 to disclose my child's eligibility for the Free and Reduced Meal Program to the Park District of Oak Park for the limited purpose of verifying financial assistance eligibility?

I further understand that if I consent to this disclosure, neither the Oak Park School District 97 nor the Park District of Oak Park will share this information with any other entity or program.

(Refusing to allow Oak Park School District 97 to disclose my child's eligibility will not affect my student's eligibility to participate in the Free and Reduced Meal Program or the Park District of Oak Park Financial Assistance program) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you did not consent on the previous question, proof of residency, income, and dependency will be required to be considered for approval.

Please provide Public Aid # (if applicable)

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

☐ American Indian or Alaska 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 requesting financial assistance

Name (Last, First)	Date of birth MM/DD/YY	School if applicable	Grade	Applicants relationship to name listed	Check if applying your dependent for the (CDM k-14 ages)
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Scholarship Distribution Chart

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

Income Level	(%Scholarship)/ (%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)/ (%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 (Please Circle One)	Tier 1 (Fees Covered) Scholarship / Participant 75% / 25%	Tier 2 (Fees Covered) Scholarship / Participant 55% / 45%	Tier 3 (Fees Covered) Scholarship / Participant 35% / 65%
	Annual Income	Annual Income	Annual Income
1	20,345	28,953	37,560
2	27,495	39,128	50,760
3	34,645	49,303	63,960
4	41,795	59,478	77,160
5	48,945	69,653	90,360
6	56,095	79,828	103,560
7	63,245	90,003	116,760
8	70,395	100,178	129,960
Each additional family member add	+7,150	+10,175	+13,200

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.

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

Date