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Meeting Waters YMCA Financial Assistance Policies & Procedures

Policy Statement

It is the policy of Meeting Waters YMCA to provide services to all who wish to participate regardless of their ability to pay full program fees. While Meeting Waters YMCA sets program fees at rates that are affordable to most people in our service area, we realize that they are still out of the reach of some so a limited amount of financial assistance is available to those who cannot afford to pay the entire program fee. Assistance is awarded based on each applicant's ability to pay and the funds available.

Eligibility

Financial assistance will be granted based on the need demonstrated by household income and/or extenuating circumstances. Applicants are required to pay some portion of the program fee for which they are requesting assistance. This payment demonstrates both a desire and a commitment to participate. In general, we use the federal guidelines published by the Agency of Health and Human Services to determine percentages of financial aid to be awarded.

Other Forms of Financial Assistance

Our Y-ASPIRE, Y Day Camp, and Snow Day programs are all licensed school-age child care programs. Because of this certification, families of participants in any of these programs may be eligible for Child Care Financial Assistance from their home state. This federally-funded program is quite liberal in its qualifying standards (example - in Vermont a family of four with a household income of up to \$47,100 qualifies for assistance). The assistance program supports families where all parents in the household are working or in a job training program during the hours for which child care is needed. Since this funding is far greater than what Meeting Waters YMCA is able to provide for scholarship assistance, we require all people applying to us for assistance to first apply for child care financial assistance in their state of residence. In this way, our limited pool of scholarship resources can be reserved for those not eligible for other forms of assistance. For more information call the Eligibility Specialist closest to you: Springfield 886-5242; Brattleboro 257-2887; Claremont or Keene 800-624-9700.

Sources of Funding of Meeting Waters YMCA Scholarship Program

The ability of the Meeting Waters YMCA to make their programs accessible to all, regardless of financial resourcefulness, is made possible by charitable contributions from hundreds of area residents, civic organizations, businesses and foundations to our Reach Out to Youth Campaign as well as from foundation grants.

Limitations of Financial Assistance

Many contributors to our Reach Out to Youth Fund have criteria they place on the use of those funds. This may impact the level at which we can help everyone that requests assistance. For example, many civic groups or municipalities stipulate that their contributions be passed on to only residents of their town. Therefore, we would have less scholarship assistance for children, teens, adults or families from towns from which contributions are not made. We do our best to meet everyone's needs but at times the level of needs surpasses our amount of financial resources.

Meeting Waters YMCA

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Strengthening the foundations of community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

Meeting Waters YMCA Financial Assistance Application

(The information provided below will be kept confidential)

Program Participant's Name: _____

Parent's/Guardian's name(s): _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (D) _____ (E): _____ Best time(s) to call: _____

Program for which assistance is sought: _____

Program Site (if Y-ASPIRE): _____ Session(s) (if Y Day Camp): _____

Number of members of your household (living year round as a family at the above address, whether or not they are related by blood or marriage): total: _____ children: _____ adults: _____

Total **annual** household income & benefits (please do the calculations so we can work from annual figures):

Type	Amount (annual)	Please list any extenuating expenses that demonstrate and justify your need for assistance-use the back if necessary:
Wages	_____	_____
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Welfare/AFDC	_____	_____
Food stamps	_____	_____
Rent assistance	_____	_____
Fuel assistance	_____	_____
Social security	_____	_____
Workers compensation	_____	_____
Child support	_____	_____
Alimony	_____	_____
Any other income/benefits	_____	_____
Total annual household income	_____	_____

You must attach proof for each amount shown above (pay stubs, etc.). Your application will not be considered unless documentation is attached to this form.

If requesting assistance for Y-ASPIRE, Y Day Camp, KinderCamp or Snow Days: I applied for State Child Care Subsidy on _____ (date) at the Child Care Subsidy office in __ Brattleboro __ Springfield __ Claremont __ Keene.

- I am awaiting determination.
- I was denied subsidy. Reason given: _____
- I was authorized subsidy in the amount of \$_____/day or \$_____/week.

The information on this form, and submitted with it, is correct and true. I understand that an application for assistance based on false or incomplete information may constitute fraud.

(signature of parent or legal guardian)

(date)

Please return this application and **all supporting documents** to:
Meeting Waters YMCA, P.O. Box 511, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, or fax to 802-463-3447

For Office Use Only:

Weekly Tuition: _____ Amount Awarded: _____ Fund Source: _____ Time Period: _____