Lancaster Recreation Commission
Youth Athletic Scholarship Application Guidelines

Purpose - To allow every Lancaster City and Lancaster Township resident, age 18 and under, the opportunity to participate in recreational activities regardless of household financial conditions. The Youth Athletic Scholarship program was developed to lower the cost of recreational opportunities for children whose families have demonstrated financial needs.

Who Qualifies? - Any Lancaster City or Lancaster Township resident youth age 18 and under who meets the family income guidelines (see Table 1 below) and whose parent/guardian submits the Youth Athletic Scholarship Application along with proper documentation. Scholarships are limited to a total of $200 per year per child.

Scholarship Requirements
- Families are required to participate in all program fundraisers.
- Parents/guardians are expected, if asked, to participate in volunteer activities to help offset the cost of this scholarship.
- Individuals are required to attend a minimum of 80% of scheduled practices, lessons or games. Failure to meet attendance requirements and/or overdue payments may result in the loss of scholarship for your household.
- Individuals are eligible to receive a 50% program fee discount (25% for Youth Dance Classes) if they meet the income guidelines and provide documentation. Refer to Table 1 for family income guidelines.
- Foster children will automatically qualify with appropriate documentation.

Application Process
1. Complete the Youth Athletic Scholarship Application Form, which must be signed by a parent/guardian. You must provide copies of the following where applicable: 2 current consecutive pay stubs, W-2 Form, DSS Form, SSI Form, Social Security, Unemployment Statements, Child Support Order and all 1099 forms.
2. Attach Proof of Residency: copy of current driver’s license, state-issued identification card, tax bill or voter’s registration card.
3. Attach program registration form.
4. The Lancaster Rec Staff will contact you in writing within two weeks with the results of your application.
5. Scholarship application approval will be based on verification of financial need and availability of scholarship funds.

Other Important Information
- Scholarship amounts are based on total family size and total family income level. Families are defined as parent(s)/guardian(s) and dependents all living at the same address. See Table 1 at right.
- Reduced fees will only be granted for programs solely sponsored by Lancaster Recreation Commission.
- Completing a Youth Athletic Scholarship Application DOES NOT register a child for a program. Please complete a form separately for the activities in which you are interested in having your children participate.
- All participants are expected to pay at least 50% of an activity registration/program fee.
- Scholarships will be provided on a first-come, funding and space available basis.
- All youth athletic programs qualify for scholarships.
- Transportation to programs is not provided.
- Scholarships cover the activity registration/program fee only, not uniform/costume costs.

Confidentiality - Lancaster Recreation Commission will use the information on the application only to decide if your child qualifies to receive a partial scholarship for eligible athletic activities. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Applicants are guaranteed that personal finances will not be discussed outside of the department management. Coaches, instructors or program leaders will not be informed of a participant’s financial or scholarship status.

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*Annual income amounts are subject to change based on HUD guidelines.

Questions? Call 392-2115 x 141
Lancaster Recreation Commission
Youth Athletic Scholarship Application Form

Please return to: Lancaster Recreation Commission, 525 Fairview Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603

To be completed by Parent or Guardian - please print neatly or type.
Complete ALL of the following information and attach required documents, as incomplete forms will delay processing. A separate form is required for each child. Completing a scholarship application does not register a child for a program. Please complete a registration form separately for the activities in which your child wants to participate.

Parent/Guardian Name: _________________________________________________________________________________________

First                                                     Middle                             Last

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Street Address                                                                        Apt. #                       City                     State          Zip Code

Telephone: (Day)  _____________________________ (Evening)______________________________ (Cell)_______________________

Name of Child:______________________________________________________________  Male □ Female □          Age:_____________

School Child Attends:_______________________________Parent/Guardian Email Address:_____________________________________

Date of Birth: ________________ Grade: __________ Program requesting scholarship for: ____________________________________

According to the income guidelines, my child is eligible to receive: ☐ 50% program fee discount  ☐ 25% program fee discount
(Youth Dance Classes only)

Please report total family income, including wages, salaries, tips, unemployment and worker’s compensation, net income from self-owned business/farm, welfare, child support, alimony, income from estates/trusts/investments, pensions, Social Security and any other income including regular contributions from persons not living in household on line below:

$___________________________ Total family yearly income.     Number of family members residing at above address:_____________

Documentation to substantiate income shall include all of the following that are applicable:
• 2 current consecutive pay stubs
• W-2 Form
• DSS Form
• SSI Form
• Unemployment Statements
• Social Security
• Child Support Order
• all 1099 forms

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Residency Verified______Supporting documents attached, including: _______________________________

Witnessed by___________________________

Verified for 50% scholarship ______  Denied _______   Approved by __________________________ Date _________

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Youth Athletic Scholarship Survey

To be completed by Parent or Guardian - please print neatly or type.

Date: _________________     Sport/Activity: _________________________________________

Child’s Age: ________  Grade: __________    Child’s Gender:  □  Male    □  Female

How do you describe your child?
☐ African American
☐ Hispanic/Latino
☐ White/Caucasian
☐ Asian American
☐ Pacific Islander
☐ Native American
☐ Other

Which of the following best describes with whom your child lives?
☐ 2 Parents
☐ 1 Parent
☐ Extended Family
☐ Other

1. My child feels better about him/herself by participating in athletic activites.
   ☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ Maybe    ☐ Not Sure

2. Participating in athletic activities has helped my child stay out of trouble.
   ☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ Maybe    ☐ Not Sure

3. Since participating in an athletic activity, I have noticed an improvement in my child’s grades.
   ☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ Maybe    ☐ Not Sure

4. Since participating in an athletic activity, my child feels more confident about his/her abilities.
   ☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ Maybe    ☐ Not Sure

5. Since participating in an athletic activity, my child gets along better with others.
   ☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ Maybe    ☐ Not Sure

6. Keeping my child involved in athletic activities is beneficial to his/her health.
   ☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ Maybe    ☐ Not Sure

7. Before this program, my child participated in organized athletics: (please do not include school gym classes)
   ☐ 0 times a week    ☐ 1-2 times a week    ☐ 3-4 times a week    ☐ More than 5 times a week

8. Since this program, my child has continued to participate in organized sports:
   ☐ Yes    ☐ No

9. Because of this scholarship, my child is able to participate in this athletic activity.
   ☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ Maybe    ☐ Not Sure

10. With continued access to the Youth Athletic Scholarship, my child will participate in organized athletics.
    ☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ Maybe    ☐ Not Sure

11. Please tell us how this scholarship and our athletic programs have impacted your child’s life:
    __________________________________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________________