

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.

Income Eligibility	
Household Members	Annual Income Less Than*
2	\$29,471
3	\$37,167
4	\$44,863
5	\$52,559
6	\$60,255
7	\$67,951
8	\$75,647
*Annual income amounts are subject to change based on HUD guidelines.	

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.

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

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Residency Verified _____ Supporting documents attached, including: _____

Witnessed by _____

Verified for 50% scholarship _____ Denied _____ Approved by _____ Date _____

Lancaster Recreation Commission 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 activities.
 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:

