

commonly asked questions



What is YMCA Scholarship Assistance?

The YMCA of Pueblo believes in providing membership and program services to all who desire to participate. The YMCA's scholarship assistance program, supported by the annual Strong Kids Campaign, uses all available resources to provide support to those who have need and qualify for assistance.

Who is eligible for YMCA Scholarship Assistance?

Anyone may apply for a scholarship. An active older adult on a fixed income, a single parent who is trying to make ends meet, a family in transition, someone who needs help for a while - all of these are the faces of the YMCA's Scholarship Assistance program.

How is the Scholarship Assistance amount determined?

We offer a sliding fee scale based on the annual gross household income and the number of dependents whether applying for single or family membership or for a YMCA program.

Is it possible to join the YMCA of Pueblo for free?

The YMCA believes a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed if the scholarship recipient has contributed to the cost of their YMCA involvement. Therefore, applicants will be asked to pay a portion of the fee for the requested service.

How soon is the scholarship amount determined?

Complete applications will be reviewed within 15 working days. Please submit your complete application along with proof of income (see box on reverse). You will be notified of your application status by mail.

If I receive a scholarship, what is expected of me?

Upon approval of scholarship assistance, the expectation that you take full advantage of the assistance by using the membership or service regularly, as well as a commitment to make payments on time.

Will I be treated differently? Will other members know that I am on scholarship assistance?

Only you and the membership representative will have access to your application. We track assistance data, but only in terms of numbers and statistics, not by names.

Can I do anything in return for this assistance?

YES! The YMCA is a volunteer based organization, youth and adults are encouraged to volunteer. Also, YMCA donors appreciate learning how their contributions are used. Submitting a short note about how you or your family benefited from the scholarship is appreciated. Visit with any Membership staff for more information.

Where do the scholarship funds come from?

Funds for scholarship assistance are raised by the volunteers that annually work the YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign and more from generous individuals, businesses & foundations in the community.

YMCA of Pueblo Scholarship Assistance Policy

The YMCA of Pueblo is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 community organization committed to helping people reach their full potential in spirit, mind and body, serving people of all ages, backgrounds, abilities and incomes. As a community organization the YMCA believes that its services should be available to everyone. That is why the YMCA of Pueblo offers scholarship assistance.

Through the YMCA's scholarship assistance program, help is available to families, children and seniors in need. While participants are expected to pay for their fair share, when scholarship assistance is available the YMCA will assist any individual or family that wants to participate but cannot afford the fee.

The funds available for scholarship assistance are made possible through the generosity of individuals, local businesses and foundations giving to the YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign. We invite all members and program participants to help support our scholarship assistance program. Contributions are tax-deductible and every gift makes a difference.

Thank you for your support!



SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

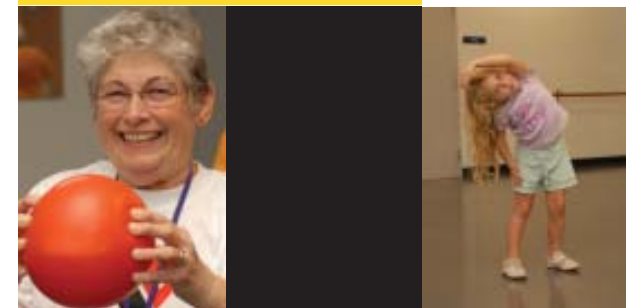
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YMCA of Pueblo

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Scholarship Assistance Application

Application must be filled out completely. Please print clearly.

Applicant Information

Last Name:	First Name:	Home Telephone:
Address:	Apt#:	City: State: Zip Code:
Employer: Business Phone:		Spouse Employer: Business Phone:

Dependents Living in Household (List all children and adults living in your household)

Name	Date of Birth	Employed (YES or NO)	Name	Date of Birth	Employed (YES or NO)
1.			5.		
2.			6.		
3.			7.		
4.			8.		

Monthly Household Income

MONTHLY GROSS	Applicant	Spouse
Salary/Wages Pay cycle (circle one for each)	\$ Weekly 2 weeks Monthly	\$ Weekly 2 weeks Monthly
Child Support	\$	\$
Alimony	\$	\$
Government Assistance (SSI, disability)	\$	\$
Food Stamps	\$	\$
Cash Assistance	\$	\$
School Loans/Grants (amount after tuition is paid)	\$	\$
Other Income	\$	\$

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Documentation is required for each type of income listed on the application. Do not send originals or bank statements.

Salary/Wages - Attach copies of your income tax return for the most current filing year (IRS form 1040, 1040A, etc - include pages 1 and 2). If you are self-employed or own a business, include Schedule C. If you did not file taxes last year, submit an IRS 1722 non-filing status form. To obtain this form, call 1-800-829-1040. Do not press ANY buttons just stay on the line. (W-2 forms will not be accepted)

Salary/Wages - Along with the tax return, attach copies of the two (2) most recent paycheck stubs from EACH employer for both the applicant and spouse. Stubs must show gross wages and may not be dated more than 30 days from application date.

Child Support/Alimony - Include proof of marriage or divorce decree, if no longer married, showing alimony & child support.

Government/Food Stamps/Cash Assistance - Attach copies of all that apply. A current Social Security award benefit letter, SSI Disability letter, retirement, unemployment or other government subsidy.

Student Loans/Grants - Attach copies of documentation showing monies received AFTER books & tuition have been paid. Include a current registration receipt.

INFORMATION MUST BE CURRENT!

Date _____

Staff Witness _____

Membership or Program Information

Please check one of the following: First time application Renewal application Yes, I am interested in volunteering in the following area(s):

Please indicate for what type of membership or program you are seeking assistance:

Why do you want to participate as a YMCA member or program participant:

List special circumstances that you feel should be taken into consideration during review of this application:

I feel I am able to pay \$ _____ toward the cost of the program/membership per month.

I certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to inform the YMCA immediately of any change in my income or dependent status. I understand that false or incomplete information could jeopardize my financial assistance.

Signature of applicant:

Date: