Financial Assistance
Policy & Procedure
YMCA of Rock River Valley
$10 F/A Fee

Mission Statement
To put Christian principles into practice through programs, service, and relationships that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

Policy Statement
It is the mission of the YMCA to provide services for any person or family who desires to participate in the YMCA, regardless of the ability to pay the standard membership or program fee.
Every year the YMCA raises money to help scholarship youth and families through our StrongKids Campaign. For those not able to pay the full program/membership fee, assistance will be considered and is based upon demonstrated ability to pay and the YMCA’s ability to provide funding.

Because the demand for financial assistance is great, the YMCA must follow the eligibility guidelines. Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first serve basis, subject to available resources. The YMCA reserves the right to adjust scholarships as needed during any given calendar year. Notice will be provided when adjustments will be made.

Eligibility
1. Applicants must work or reside in the YMCA branch service area.
2. Assistance will be granted on the basis of financial need.
3. The YMCA believes a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed if the recipient has contributed to the cost of their YMCA involvement; therefore, applicants will be asked to pay some portion of the fees.
4. Financial Assistance is awarded on an annual basis from date of approval.
5. Applicants will need to reapply on an annual basis.

How to Apply
1. Applications are available through the appropriate YMCA office during normal business hours. All application records will be kept confidential.
2. Applicants must completely fill out the attached request for Financial Assistance Form to be considered for financial assistance.
3. Applicants are required to provide proof of household income. (The YMCA requires three current consecutive payroll check stubs from each member of the household making an income or a letter from each employer verifying salary. If any member of the household is currently unemployed for any reason, including disability, documentation proving unemployment must be provided. Everyone must provide a current year’s Federal Tax return (1040) or a transcript of your taxes from the IRS for all adults in the household. Instructions are listed below for obtaining this transcript should you not have a copy, or did not file taxes.)

☐ Three current, most recent pay stubs for all working adults in the household
☐ Birth Certificates for children NOT listed on tax form
☐ Link Card Statement (for food stamps, cash assistance, etc.)
☐ Social Security Statement
☐ Disability Statement
☐ Child Support Order
☐ Unemployment Statement
☐ Workers Compensation Statement
☐ School schedule for any student on the membership who is between the ages of 18 - 23
☐ Pension Statement

4. All sources of family income should be reported (this includes alimony, court ordered and non-court ordered child support, disability, worker’s compensation, Snaps/Link Statement, and any other government assistance).
5. Applicants must complete all necessary registrations for the programs for which they are requesting financial assistance.
6. Applicants will be contacted within fifteen business days of submitting the request for financial assistance. The applicants are not considered registered until all outstanding amounts are paid in full for the specific program.
Selection Process
Financial assistance eligibility will be determined by YMCA staff, based on a thorough review of the application and all supporting documentation. No financial assistance application will be reviewed until all required documentation has been received by the YMCA Member Experience Center. Failure to submit all required documentation within ten business days from date of original request will cause denial of your request. Subsidies will be granted to the extent that funds are available. The YMCA reserves the right to deny or end assistance to any applicant at any time. Notice will be provided immediately by the YMCA.

Removal or suspension of participation
Any family which does not utilize their approved financial assistance may lose it and be suspended from any further application for YMCA programs. If your child is unable to participate you are required to contact the YMCA prior to your child’s first day of attendance. Participation of services provided is expected to be utilized a minimum of 8 times per month. Abusing this policy will be grounds for dismissal from the YMCA program.

At the YMCA's discretion, if an account’s status becomes past due for two weeks your membership privileges will be suspended from the YMCA for non-payment and will result in termination of financial assistance. Upon payment of your account in full, the YMCA will reconsider the reinstatement of financial assistance.

Continuing Requirements to Maintain Financial Assistance
1. Update contact information, including address, home phone number, work phone number, email address, and cell phone number for all family members.
2. Maintain on-going current account status.
3. Notification of changes in income for reconsideration of financial assistance needs.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read and understand the financial assistance policies and procedures defined above. I also agree that failure to comply with these policies and procedures may result in immediate termination of YMCA program services and all financial assistance.

Applicant's Printed Name ____________________________________________
Applicant’s Signature ____________________________________________ Date ________
YMCA Member Experience Center Staff ____________________________ Date ________

(please print)

Request for Financial Assistance
YMCA of Rock River Valley

This form will not be considered if it is not filled out completely

YMCA Branch __________________________ Date ________________

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION:
First Name ___________ Last Name ___________ Birthdate ________
Home Address ____________________________________________
City ___________ State _______ Zip ___________ Email ___________
Home Phone ___________ Cell Phone ___________
Place of Employment __________________________ Business Phone ___________

Ethnicity:  
☐ African American  ☐ Asian  ☐ Caucasian  ☐ Hispanic
☐ Multi-Racial  ☐ Native American  ☐ Other  ☐ Prefer not to give

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SECOND ADULT INFORMATION:
First Name ___________ Last Name ___________ Birthdate ________
Place of Employment __________________________ Business Phone ___________

Ethnicity:  
☐ African American  ☐ Asian  ☐ Caucasian  ☐ Hispanic
☐ Multi-Racial  ☐ Native American  ☐ Other  ☐ Prefer not to give

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TOTAL NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS TO BE INCLUDED ON MEMBERSHIP:

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GROSS MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, INCLUDE ALL FAMILY MEMBERS:
Applicant $ ___________ 2nd Adult $ ___________ Other $ ___________ Other $ ___________