

PARKS AND RECREATION

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### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: RECREATION PROGRAMS FY20

VALID: 7/1/2019 -6/30/20

City of Fairfax's goal is to have all government programs, services, classes and camps, and senior programs accessible to all residents. Fee reductions for classes and camps are available on a sliding scale based on household income. Annual income verification is required. For questions, please call **703-385-7858**.

### **QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS**

Program participation is limited to:

- People who live in the <u>FAIRFAX CITY ONLY</u>. Qualification will be determined by household and proof of residency is required upon request.
  - o HOUSEHOLDS: All people who live in the same individual residence at a given time, that are listed as financially dependent on one another on income tax returns.
- See below for eligible households that can receive financial assistance for the program registration fee based on a sliding scale.

Except for extenuating circumstances, assistance is available for one program per season, per household member:

FY19 Seasons this application is eligible for (must re-apply if registering after 6/30/20):

- Fall (September December, 2019)
- Winter/Spring (January April, 2020)
- Summer (May August, 2020)

#### **SLIDING SCALE**: (based off Local Poverty Guidelines)

Household Size	Total Income <	Total Income <	Total Income <
1	\$12,490	\$24,980	\$37,470
2	\$16,910	\$33,820	\$50,730
3	\$21,330	\$42,660	\$63,990
4	\$25,750	\$51,500	\$77,250
5	\$30,170	\$60,340	\$90,150
6	\$34,590	\$69,180	\$103,770
7	\$39,010	\$78,020	\$117,030
8	\$43,430	\$86,860	\$130,290
DISCOUNT	75%	50%	25%



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Households will retain fee reduction status for no more than twelve months from the date of last application. This application expires on 6/30/19. After expired, eligible households must re-apply for fee reduction status.

### Exceptions:

- All 'Traditional Day Camp Programs' are eligible to receive an unlimited quantity of session discounts. Qualified financial assistant applicants are not eligible for additional discount (i.e. sibling discount, early registration, etc.)
- The deadline for Camp Programs Financial Assistance is June 1, 2020.
- **Programs:** For any programs lasting longer than one season, the eligible discount can be used but will validate the discount for that participant for each season the program is held.

#### PAYMENTS PLANS

When deemed appropriate by the Parks and Recreation Director or his designated staff, a payment plan of fees due may be established for applicants in order to relieve the burden of full payment at one time.

#### OTHER:

- The capacity of programs shall not be exceeded and wait lists will be established on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Some programs have limits to the number of fee reductions that may be granted for a particular program or a particular eligible participant.

# **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- 1. To qualify, a person must fill out the **ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION FORM (attached).**
- 2. Proof of all household income must be submitted with application. At least one of the following documents must be shown:
  - Tax Return filed within the last 12 months
  - Current W-2 Forms
  - Current Paystubs (one month) for ALL members of the family, and any government supplemental support
  - Unemployment paper and compensation

#### **IN ADDITION:**

Income is defined as household adjusted gross income listed on Income Tax return. It includes the following and all sources of income must shown with application for all members of household:

- Wages, salary, commissions or fees
- Net income from self-employment
- Social Security or disability payments
- Dividends, interest trusts
- Pensions or annuities
- Alimony and/or child support
- Net royalties
- Veteran's benefits
- Unemployment Compensation
- Worker's Compensation
- Public Assistance or Welfare Payments



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- Regular contributions from persons not residing in the household
- Any financial assistance from other agencies specific to recreation program(s) of choice
- Other sources of cash income
- 3. Any misrepresentation of all household financial information may lead to legal implications and withdrawal from all Parks and Recreation programs.
- 4. All household applicants reside in the **CITY OF FAIRFAX.** In order to verify this, proof of residency must be presented at the appointment. This may include:
  - Copy of Lease/Mortgage
  - Utility Bill
  - Driver's License
- 5. All applicants <u>must make an appointment</u> to meet with a staff member about financial assistance. Call 703-385-7858 or email karen.lussier@farifaxva.gov.
- 6. After meeting with City staff and applicant is approved, you will receive the Financial Assistance Staff Approval form and can register for qualified programs. Applicant must have FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE STAFF APPROVAL FORM with them at the time of registration. If this form is lost, you may request a second copy, but must allow 3-5 business days.
- 7. The Eligibility Application Form will be kept on file until 6/30/20. It is not necessary to fill out a separate eligibility application form for each program you would like to register for during this time, however, SEPARATE PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NECESSARY. Eligibility verification and approved Financial Assistance forms by the Parks and Recreation Department is required prior to each program registration. No refunds will be given for program registrations prior to financial assistance approval.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Registration for many of the programs is limited and eligibility for financial assistance does not guarantee enrollment in the program.
- The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining your eligibility for the financial assistance program.
- Exceptions to this policy may be considered on a case-by-case basis, and the decision will be made by the Parks and Recreation Director or his designated staff.
- Applicants that are eligible for financial assistance are not eligible for additional discounts (i.e. sibling discount, early registration, etc.)

### The following programs are NOT eligible for fee reduction:

- Trips
- Merchandise, concessions and vending
- Facility Reservations
- Athletic Field Reservations
- Rentable Equipment
- Tickets to events and performances sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Other programs/classes/trips as noted are not eligible



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# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION FORM FY20

VALID: 7/1/2019 -6/30/20

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mail Address:							
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# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE STAFF APPROVAL FORM FY20

Valid only or registrations from 7/1/19 -6/30/20 only.

This waiver entitles the following household to:

Percent Reduction	Qualifies:	
25%		
50%		
75%		

Fee reduction is valid on one eligible program per person, per season.

Please see attached form for guidelines and polices on City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation

Financial Assistance.

Address:							
Address:Phone Number:							
Members of household qualified to receive discount:							
Discount Used: (Staff Initial)							
Family Member Name	Fall	Winter/Spring	Summer				
	(Sept-Dec, 2019)	(Jan –Apr, 2020)	(May – Aug, 2020)				
This discount expires on <u>June 30, 2020</u> .							
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Approval Signature (Parks and Recreation Staff)		Approval Date					
This voucher must be presented at time of registration to receive a discount.							
All additional fees are due at time of registration.							