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Financial Assistance Frequently Asked Questions

What is YMCA financial assistance?

The YMCA believes in providing financial assistance to all youth, individuals and families who cannot afford the full cost of Y memberships and programs. The Y's financial assistance program, supported in part by an annual fundraising campaign, uses all available resources to support those who may be in challenging financial situations and qualify for assistance.

Who is eligible to receive financial assistance?

Anyone may apply for financial assistance. The only requirement is a completed Financial Assistance form with supporting documents attached.

How is the amount of financial aid determined?

Financial assistance is determined on an individual basis. The Y uses both subjective and objective criteria and considers total household income and the number of household members. Special circumstances are considered if applicable.

How long does my financial assistance last?

Financial assistance is granted for up to one calendar year. Reapplication is required annually.

How long does the application process take?

Once your completed application with required documentation is received, it will be reviewed by the review committee. You will be notified by mail of your assistance amount within three weeks, and will be instructed how to sign up for the discounted membership.

Is it possible to join the Y for free?

The Y believes a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed when the financial assistance recipient contributes to the cost of their Y involvement. Therefore, applicants are asked to pay a portion of the membership dues.

What is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient?

The Y expects that the recipient will make timely scheduled payments and encourages all participants to volunteer whenever possible. Also, Y donors appreciate learning how their contributions impact the community. Submitting a short note about how you and your family benefited from the financial assistance is appreciated.

How do I apply?

Complete the Financial Assistance application and submit it with the required income documentation. An incomplete application cannot be processed and will be returned.



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION OHIO VALLEY YMCA

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Employer _____ Years Employed _____

Spouse's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Spouse's Employer _____ Years Employed _____

Please list any children you would like to add to your membership. They must be claimed on your income tax return to be eligible.

	Child's Name	Age	School
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

Do you have a single parent household? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please explain your current financial situation and explain why receiving financial assistance to join the Ohio Valley YMCA would be beneficial to you.

Please itemize your total monthly household income and expenses

Total Household Income		Total Expenses	
Wages/Salary	_____	Rent/Mortgage	_____
Unemployment	_____	Utilities	_____
Soc. Sec. Retirement	_____	Food	_____
Soc. Sec. Disability	_____	Clothing	_____
Child Support	_____	Phone	_____
Food Stamps	_____	Car/Insurance	_____
401k/Retirement	_____	Child Support	_____
Other	_____	Other	_____

What is the dollar amount that you are willing and able to pay each month for your Ohio Valley YMCA membership? (Do not leave this blank and do not answer \$0)

\$ _____ per month

List each family member that you would like to have active on your membership

In order for your application to be reviewed, you must provide the most current copy of your **1040 Tax Form** and **verification of all forms of household income**. If you have listed it in the income column above, you will need to provide relevant documentation before we can proceed with your financial assistance request. **If you do not submit this information with your application, your application will not be considered for financial assistance.**

Financial assistance is based on a sliding scale and depends on your income level, the number of people in your household and the current poverty level percentages.

Once this application is completed, attach copies of all necessary documentation and return to the closest Ohio Valley YMCA branch. Applications take up to three weeks to review and process. After review, you will receive a letter of approval or denial in the mail.

Please contact Debbie Kline at the Calcutta YMCA if you have any questions regarding the financial assistance program. 330-385-6400 ext. 215.