

Madison Joint Recreation District

Financial Aid Policy

In the following Financial Aid Policy and Financial Aid Application Form The Madison Joint Recreation District will be written as "Recreation District."

I Policy.

To help ensure that *as many* residents *as possible*, of the Madison area, who *are* experiencing financial hardships *have* the opportunity to participate in recreation programs.

II Eligibility.

To be eligible to receive financial assistance, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a resident of the Madison area.
2. Must be a *legal aged representative* of the child wanting to participate in one of the Madison youth sports *organizations or clubs*.
3. *The child receiving the grant must be 18 years old or younger.*
4. Must apply for assistance in writing using the financial aid form provided by the Recreation District.
5. Must provide *supportive* written documentation if requested by the Recreation District.

III Scope of Financial Aid.

1. The financial aid program is intended to benefit residents, *temporarily*, in financial need.
2. Financial aid may not be available for all programs or for some direct cost as determined by the Recreation District. These would not include contractual programs, field trips, ticket type events, facility memberships.
3. The amount of aid may vary, depending on financial need, number of aid applications and money available; however, in no case shall the amount of aid to an individual exceed the cost of the program fees that he/she are applying for. Financial aid is awarded on a first come, first served basis *each half year* and approval is dependent on money available.

IV Other.

1. All information on the application must be true and accurate. **Financial aid provided is legally recoverable if awarded on the basis of false information.** Any applicant who receives financial aid based upon false information, shall pay the entire amount back to the Recreation District upon demand, and shall also be responsible for the payment of all costs of collection, including attorney's fees and any other costs that the Recreation District might acquire.
2. All information received will remain confidential *unless a legal public records request is submitted.*
3. All financial aid shall be awarded solely based upon the individual need of the applicant *and the ability of the Recreation District to fund* without regard to race, color, gender, religion or sex.

V Application Procedures.

1. Complete the financial aid application form which is available thru contact with the Recreation District by e-mail *or in person by attending the* monthly Recreation District meetings (see website for meeting dates and times)
2. Return the completed form along with all required documentation:
 - *In person by attending the* regular monthly meeting of the Recreation District
 - *E-mailing the completed application to* info@madisonrec.net
 - Or mail to:
Madison Joint Recreation District
P.O. Box 456
Madison, Ohio 44057
www.madisonrec.net
3. Upon receipt, the Recreation District will review the application and make a decision of approval/disapproval and if approved, the amount of financial aid to be provided. Aid provided will be based on many factors including, but not limited to, family size, family income, other types/amounts and other extenuating circumstances. Another consideration shall be the number of applicants for financial aid.
4. Applications for financial aid will be notified within 2 weeks of receipt of **completed** application, as to the grant status.
5. Upon approval, applicants may register for programs through regular Youth League's registration procedures. The Recreation District funding will be forwarded to the Youth League applied for in the child's name.
6. Only one financial aid application is permitted in a calendar year, *per child* and a new application must be submitted each year.

Madison Joint Recreation District Financial Aid Application Form

Completion of this form is mandatory in order to *apply to* qualify to receive financial assistance from the Recreation District. All information is held in the strictest confidence and will not be made available to the public *unless a legal public records request is submitted*. The Recreation District reserves the right to request additional information from applicants which will aid in awarding financial aid. There are limited funds available. *Please keep in mind that time* is of the essence in completing this form quickly and **completely**; this will help speed up your consideration.

I. General Youth Sports Organization or Club Information

1. Youth sport organization or club name _____
2. Amount of financial aid requesting: \$ _____
3. Date season or event starts: _____

II. General Applicant Information

- 1 Child's Name being sponsored: _____
- 2 Parent's Name: _____
- 3 Present Address: _____
- 4 Home Phone: _____
- 5 E-Mail Address: _____
- 6 Total Number in Household: _____
 - 1) First Name: _____ *Age: _____
 - 2) First Name: _____ *Age: _____
 - 3) First Name: _____ *Age: _____
 - 4) First Name: _____ *Age: _____

** Age of Children Only*

III. Financial hardship

- Please describe the reason for experiencing financial hardship. (Please attach extra sheet if needed)