

2022-2023

FD Parks and Recreation Youth Activity Registration Scholarship Program and Guidelines



Dear Parent/Guardian:

We believe that every child should receive the opportunity to participate in recreation activities in our community. Whether that’s sports, or fun class activities, we have something for everyone ages 2-12. We have found over the years that not every child receives the opportunity to participate due to financial hardships. This year during our sponsorship request we have asked businesses to supply funds to help offset those cost for potential financially burdened families.

Through the generous sponsorship of our local businesses, Baker Electric, Cargill, Fort Dodge Asphalt, and Fort Dodge Fiber we were able to secure funds for the 2022/2023 fiscal year to offer a scholarship program to those in need. Our programs and activities typically range for \$10 to a maximum rate of \$65 dollars. Your child may qualify for a reduced activity/program registration fee of 50% per income guidelines and regulations.

Here are a list of commonly asked questions pertaining to our scholarship program:

1. Who can qualify for a scholarship?
  - Children must live within Webster County
  - All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Family Investment Program (FIP) or a few specific Medicaid programs are eligible
  - Foster Children under the legal responsibility of a foster family or an agency
  - Head start students
  - If your household’s income is at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines below and an application is submitted

Household Size	Yearly \$	Monthly \$	Twice/Month \$	Bi-Weekly \$	Weekly \$
1	25,142	2,096	1,048	967	484
2	33,874	2,832	1,412	1,303	652
3	42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820
4	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988
5	60,070	5,006	2,503	2,311	1,156
6	68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	1,324
7	77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492
8	86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659
<b>Each Additional</b>	8,732	728	364	336	168

2. How do I apply for a scholarship?
  - Fill out the attached scholarship application form and return to Fort Dodge Parks and Recreation
3. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?
  - No, all children can be included on one scholarship application
4. How long is my application good for?
  - Applications are good during one fiscal year (July 1, 2022-June 30 2023). When a new fiscal year starts, new applications will be required
5. Will you check the information I give?
  - Yes, you may be required to submit written proof of income. You are not required to provide proof when you turn in application

6. How many times can a child receive a scholarship?

- Scholarship amounts are 50% of registration cost. The funds we received from generous businesses is limited so children can receive a maximum of 2 scholarship opportunities in one fiscal year or until funds run out



**2022-2023 Application for Fort Dodge Parks and Recreation Scholarship Program**

**Step 1: infants and children up to age 18 in your household**

*A household member is defined as living with you and shares income and expenses even in not related. **First Line Example***

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Date of Birth	Grade
Mary	Beth	Hamilton	1/1/15	2nd

**Step 2: Do any household members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, or FIP**

YES

NO

**Step 3: Income Reporting (Skip this step if you answered yes to Step 2)**

*Check the box for each household adult on how payments are received. **First Line Example***

**\*Include adults away from the household**

Household Adults (First and Last)	Income Amount	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x a Month	Monthly	Yearly
Bob Hamilton	\$22,456					X

**Step 4: Contact Information & Signature**

*At least one parents/guardians required.*

Contact Person	Address	Phone	Email	Date of Birth

I certify that all information on this application is true and all income is reported where necessary. I understand that the information is given in connection with city funds, and city officials may check the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my child may lose the opportunity for all current and future scholarships.



Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Submit this form back to Fort Dodge Parks and Recreation, [parks@fortdodgeiowa.org](mailto:parks@fortdodgeiowa.org) for review. You should receive communication via email or phone call within a few business days of the completion of this form.*

*Further questions can be sent to Erin Arndt at [earndt@fortdodgeiowa.org](mailto:earndt@fortdodgeiowa.org) or call 576-7237 #7205.*

Thank you to the generous sponsors of this new program. Without them this would not be possible

