



2026

Fort Dodge Recreation Services 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 costs for financially burdened families.

Through the generous sponsorship of our local businesses, we were able to secure funds for the 2026 year to offer a scholarship program to those in need. Our programs and activities typically range from \$10 to a maximum rate of \$100 dollars. Your child may qualify for a reduced activity/program registration fee of 50% per the income guidelines and regulations.

Here is a list of commonly asked questions about our scholarship program:

1. Who can qualify for a scholarship?
 - Children must live within Webster County
 - All children in households receive 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
Each Additional	8,732	728	364	336	168

2. How do I apply for a scholarship?
 - Fill out the attached scholarship application form and return it to Fort Dodge Recreation Services
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 for one year (January 1-December 31). When the new 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 your 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 year or until funds run out

2026 Application for Fort Dodge Recreation Services 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 if 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 Recreation Services, parcs@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 or call 576-7237 #7205.

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



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