



Financial Assistance Eligibility Request

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Family Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Ethnicity: My family primarily identifies as: African American White/Caucasian Asian
 Pacific Islander Hispanic/Latino Native American Multi-Ethnic

List all family members (including self)

Name _____ Male/Female _____ Birthdate _____

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Please attach the following to your application:

- Proof of residency within the Tacoma City limits (must be a utility bill showing **SERVICE ADDRESS**, rent/lease agreement (Address will be verified through govME.com))
- Verification of income school free or reduced lunch letter (preferred), a copy of last year's tax return or a benefits letter)

Applications without these will not be considered.

Are State funds currently received to provide recreational services to anyone in your family? YES NO

If YES, Please list the program _____

I certify that all of the above information is true and correct, that I reside within Tacoma City boundaries and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for purpose of obtaining fee-reduced services and that Metro Parks may verify the information on this application; deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and Federal laws. I certify that my request meets the guidelines provided by Metro Parks Tacoma.

I have read and understand all the terms associated with the financial assistance program. I understand this request is expires December 31st, and renewal is required for subsequent years.

Family Contact Signature _____ Date _____

Return application to: 4702 S. 19th Street Tacoma, WA 98405
Attn: Recreation Financial Assistance Program

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Granted _____ Denied _____ Reason: _____ # Family Members Approved _____

Subsidy Granted: ___50% ___75% Approved by _____ Date _____



Metro Parks Tacoma Financial Assistance Program

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma recognizes that individuals and families may require financial assistance in order to participate in recreation and leisure programs. In response, Metro Parks Tacoma offers the following financial assistance program:

1. Residents of the Park District (Tacoma, Brown's Point, Dash Point) may request financial assistance once a year for scheduled fee-based classes or programs with individual charges. Program fee must be \$15.00 or more. Not all classes, activities, adult team fees or trips are available for financial assistance. Financial Assistance requests must be for Metro Parks Tacoma sponsored programs only.
2. Due to the growing need to offer financial assistance to district residents, Metro Parks has established an assistance limit based on family size:

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Maximum Assistance Per Year</u>
One Member	\$200
Two Members	\$400
Three Members	\$600
Four Members	\$800
Five or More Members	\$1,000

3. Funding levels will be at 50% or 75% depending on verified annual family income.
4. Verification of income is required such as a copy of last year's tax return or verification of free and reduced lunch letter or a benefits letter. There is a qualifying income scale, based on USDA income eligibility guidelines, that is used for determinations of fee reduction. Applications without these items will not be considered.
5. Confidential applications are available at most Metro Parks Tacoma community centers and swimming pools. For assistance with the application or questions, call (253) 305-1022.
6. Eligibility must be established each calendar year.
7. Allow up to 5 business days for processing before registering for a class/program. If request is denied, you will be informed.
8. Approval of financial assistance does not automatically register you in a program. When approved you will need to pay the co-payment amount to be registered into the activity.
9. Financial assistance is available to the limits of funding provided by grants and foundation donations. It is possible for all of the financial assistant funds to be used, causing a temporary suspension of the program at any time during the year.