



# Recreation Assistance Program

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The City of Bonner Springs believes that recreation programs are a significant part of the quality of life for our citizens as well as the development of children. We believe that investing in youth is an investment in the future of Bonner Springs and believe that every youth should have the opportunity to participate in recreation programs, therefore we are making opportunities available for local youths to participate in educational and recreational programs at a reduced rate.

Parents or guardians that are Bonner Springs' residents may apply at the Community Center by filling out an application. Use the income chart below to determine if you are eligible for the program. Assistance is based on the availability of funds.

## **Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Applicants must reside within the city limits of Bonner Springs. The parent/guardian must provide proof of residency. (e.g. driver's license with: city water bill, city tax receipt, etc.)
2. Scholarships are available to ages 18 and under only.
3. Applicants must verify their total family annual income by providing:
  - a) Tax return from the previous year. (W-2's will not be accepted in place of your tax return).
    - i. If program/league registration is before February 1, the use of tax information from two years ago will be permitted. (ex: Year 2015, use 2013 tax records until February)
  - b) Proof of Public Assistance
  - c) Other documentation of assistance approved by Supervisor

## **Authority to Approve:**

1. The Facilities and Recreation Assistant has the authority to approve all scholarships that fall within the rules of the program and as the budget allows.
2. The Supervisor of Parks and Recreation will approve all scholarships that have "special circumstances".

## **Regulations:**

1. Scholarships are on a first come, first serve basis. Applications are time stamped as we receive them and are not based on the date they were mailed.
2. Scholarships are limited to funding availability. When the scholarship fund reaches a zero balance for the year, no more scholarships will be given.
3. Scholarships may not be given for every program.
4. Scholarship applications must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Office 2 weeks prior to the programs registration deadline.
5. Your child can get free or reduced fees if your household income is within the limits on the Income Criteria. Foster children may receive reduced fees.
6. Scholarships will only be granted for recreation programs sponsored by the Bonner Springs Parks and Recreation Department.
7. In an effort to insure funds will be available for the summer and fall programs/leagues, the money in the scholarship fund account will be distributed throughout the seasons as listed below.



- a. Winter/Spring 16.5% of scholarship fund\*
- b. Summer 16.5% of scholarship fund\*
- c. Summer Camp 50% of scholarship fund\*
- d. Fall 16.5% of scholarship fund\*

\*If a season doesn't use all of the money allocated, the excess money will rollover to next season. (ex: \$300 didn't get used in winter, so it will rollover to summer. This will continue from season to season.)

- 8. Individual use of scholarship fund
  - a. Each youth that qualifies for scholarships get 5 points to spend throughout each calendar year.
  - b. Each program/league carries a "weight" of 1 point.
  - c. Summer camp carries a "weight" of 3 points.
  - d. Full and partial scholarships carry the same "weight".
- 9. Recipients of a 100% scholarship have a \$10 or \$5 co-pay biased on activity. Recipients of a 50% scholarship do not have a co-pay.
  - a. Summer Camp is an exception to this rule. Recipients that qualify for 100% reduction will pay 50% of summer camp fees. Recipients that qualify for 50% reduction will pay 75% of summer camp fees.
- 10. Scholarship recipients must follow all Parks and Recreation Department rules, regulations, and policies. Failure to do so will result in the participant losing the scholarship and loss of privileges.

**INCOME CRITERIA**  
Applicants should make LESS than the amount  
In the column to qualify for that program

Household size	Free Program	Pay 50% of Program
	Annual Gross Income	Annual Gross Income
1	NA	NA
2	\$31,694	\$38,955
3	\$36,131	\$45,874
4	\$40,568	\$52,793
5	\$45,005	\$60,712
6	\$49,442	\$66,631
7	\$53,879	\$73,550
	+ \$4,400 ea. add'l household member	+\$6,000 ea. add'l household member

\* A household is defined as "head of household" and dependents that reside in the same house and claimed on the same tax return.

**After your application is approved:**

- a. **To use your scholarship**, the scholarship recipient (parent or guardian of children) must go to the Parks & Recreation Administration Office during regular business hours or schedule an appointment for non-regular hours and make the request.
- b. Parents must complete all applicable registration/waiver forms for each activity or program that the children wish to participate in.