

Town of Essex Parks and Recreation Scholarship Policy Guidelines

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Reduced fees will be available to those who submit a written request stating financial need, and/or who qualify according to the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Scholarships must be applied for at least two weeks prior to the program.

Scholarship assistance includes only the program fee, not the additional money that may be needed for equipment or materials not included in the program fees.

Scholarship requests must be re-submitted each calendar year.

Reduced fees will only be granted for recreation programs sponsored by the Essex Parks and Recreation Department.

Eligibility Guidelines

Applicants must live within the Essex Town limits and provide proof of residency.

Members of families whose income falls below the federal poverty guideline levels.

Foster children on whose behalf state or local government payments are made.

Members of a family determined to be facing financial hardship based on their statement of need. The Parks and Recreation Director will consider all statements of financial hardship, burdensome medical expenses, and any other forms of hardship that can be communicated with the department, in making eligibility decisions.

Determination of Fee Reduction Amount and Participant Responsibility

The amount of the reduced fee will be determined by the director, taking into consideration the amount of the total household income and statement of need.

75% fee reduction - total income must be at or below the Federal Poverty level for a family of their size.

50% fee reduction - total income does not exceed the 125% of the Federal Poverty guidelines but is more than the poverty guidelines for their family.

25% fee reduction - total income is between 125% and 150% of the Federal Poverty guideline for a family of their size.