



RECREATION PROGRAM FEE WAIVER GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

The Recreation Program Fee Waiver policy has been established to provide guidelines necessary to allow all youth and/or their families in the City of Appleton the opportunity to participate in recreation programs offered by Appleton Parks and Recreation, regardless of their financial status.

AVAILABILITY

Fee waivers are available to all City of Appleton youth who wish to participate in instructional programs, sports league participation, or obtain a pool coupon or pass. Adults are not eligible to apply for instructional programs under the Fee Waiver Policy. Fee waivers are available to a family household for pool coupons only (a household is defined by all persons currently residing at the same address, who are directly related, are legal dependents of the applicant, or are foster children). Each member of the household is eligible for one pool coupon good for twelve admissions to the pools.

Youth are eligible for a pool pass only if they have completed a swim instructional program (swim lesson). Attendance at the swim instructional program is mandatory to obtain a pool pass. Participants who complete a swim instructional program will be given a certificate to present at the Appleton Parks and Recreation Department to obtain their pool pass. Youth pool passes are valid for January 1 through December 31 of the calendar year.

Fee waivers are not available for youth participation in playground trips, dance costumes, replacement pool passes or programs offered through a partnership with another agency.

ELIGIBILITY

Fee waivers will be awarded based on the applicant's household income status. Income status will be compared with the Appleton Area School District National Lunch Program income scale. Persons who meet the guidelines for **free** lunch (food stamp/AFDC recipients) will receive a full fee waiver. Hardship cases will be reviewed on an individual basis.

The maximum fee waiver per youth is \$75.00 per calendar year. Requests for pool coupons shall not apply to the individual fee waiver limit. All applicants are required to pay \$5.00 toward the registration fee for each program. There is no \$5.00 co-pay for pool coupons or youth pool passes. Proof of residency must be enclosed with the attached application. A driver's license, utility bill, apartment lease or current tax bill may verify residency of the applicant. Children's residency is determined by their address registered where they attend school.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Residents may apply by completing a request form signed by an adult member of the household. Applicants who do not have students in the Appleton Area School District must submit an acceptable household income statement. Household income statements must include a copy of one of the following: the applicant's most recent Internal Revenue Service Form 1040, last two pay check statements, or Notice of Decision form from Social Services showing current food stamp and AFDC qualifications.

Hardship cases will be reviewed and should be explained in writing on the request form. Hardship referrals may be accepted from the applicant, applicant's clergy, school staff or other social service agencies.

REVIEW

Applicants will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation supervisor or designee. **All applicants must allow two weeks for processing. Fee Waiver applications will not be approved in person or at time of application.** Applicants will be notified by mail of their funding status. Application and financial information will be kept strictly confidential.

****IMPORTANT** APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Fill out attached two-sided application completely. Make sure you sign the form on page 2.**
- 2. Enclose proof of residency (driver's license, utility bill, apartment lease or current tax bill). Your application will not be considered without proof of residency.**
- 3. Enclose \$5.00 per program requested. There is no \$5.00 co-pay for pool coupons or passes. Your check will be returned if you are not approved for the Fee Waiver program or classes you have requested are filled.**
- 4. Enclose proof of aid listed under "Application Process" above if your children do not receive free lunch at school.**
- 5. Enclose a registration form available in the City Guide or at Appleton Parks & Recreation Customer Service on the 1st Floor of City Hall if you are applying for youth instructional classes.**

APPLETON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

(Please print) Date of Application: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Email address: _____

Program Applying for:

_____ Amount: _____

Check here if applying for pool coupons (a coupon is good for twelve admissions to the pools).

Family information (please list each person in the family):

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MALE (M) or FEMALE (F)	DATE OF BIRTH	CURRENT GRADE

My family currently qualifies for free lunch at school: Yes No

If yes, please list school: _____

Report of Household Income – **If you do not receive free lunch ATTACH ALL THAT APPLY** – wage statements, AFDC, Notice of Decision, IRS Form 1040, or Social Security documentation.

Income Source

Monthly Amount

Hardship application – please give brief reason for application:

I hereby verify that the information stated on this application is true.

Applicant's Signature
(must be 18 or over)

Date

Submit this form to Recreation Program Fee Waiver - Appleton Parks and Recreation Department, 100 N. Appleton St., Appleton, WI 54911. **Processing time is two weeks. Applications will not be approved in person or at time of application.** Applicants will be notified by mail.

Please note: You may include your registration form with this application. Your request will be entered into the registration process immediately following approval.

A new form must be completed for every request.

(OFFICE USE ONLY)

Status:

_____ Approved
_____ Disapproved

Proof of residency received: _____
Total amount received: _____
Co-payment received for which programs: _____

Pool coupons
____ Number of coupons

Reason: _____

Fee Waiver: _____ Amount

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Comments:

