

Bloomington Park District Scholarship Program 2026

Policy:

It is the opinion of the Bloomington Park District that every resident has the opportunity to participate in recreational programs. The Park District will attempt to provide leisure opportunities for residents faced with financial hardship.

Qualifications for Scholarship:

- Applicant must be a resident of Bloomington Park District's taxing authority.
- Proof of financial need must be demonstrated.
- Scholarship approval is based on entire household income.

Scholarship Requirements:

- Submit a completed scholarship application to the Park District.
- A copy of the household's most recent Tax Return must be submitted with application.
- Attach back-up documents indicating current financial position (see below)
- Scholarships are not available for trips or contractual programs.
- Proof of parent/guardian work/school schedule must be submitted with application when applying for a scholarship for Kids' Place, Day Off Activities, or Extended Day programs. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial and childcare needs due to parent work/school schedule.

Back-up documents:

Items that will be considered when evaluating eligibility include but are not limited to the following: current participation in public aid, SNAP, WIC, DHS, TANF, All Kids, ABE, school lunch or subsidized housing programs, child support, alimony, wages and salaries, unemployment, disability payments, excessive medical bills or other unusual and burdening financial circumstances. If a scholarship is being requested due to temporary household/family hardships some form of official documentation must accompany the application.

Application Process & Guidelines:

- All information submitted is confidential and is not a matter of public record.
- All information on the application must be true and accurate.
- Scholarship funds are legally recoverable if awarded based on false information supplied by applicant and will nullify your request for current or future scholarships.
- Submission of written documentation from school or social agencies will expedite application process.
- Applications and financial documentation must be submitted for each session. Granting of scholarship does not ensure continued approval for succeeding sessions.
- Scholarships will be limited to 50% of the registration fee for one (1) program per person for one (1) session. Priority will be given to those who have never previously received a scholarship.
- Need and availability of funds will determine scholarship approval.
- Applications are reviewed monthly. Applications will be individually reviewed and evaluated.
- Incomplete applications and/or missing financial back-up documents will delay the review process.
- If scholarship is approved applicant must come into the JRC to register for approved program.
- Questions should be directed to chris@bloomingtonparks.org or 630-529-3650.
- Completed applications, financial documents, and proof of state or federal assistance should be submitted to the Johnston Recreation Center Front Desk, 172 S. Circle Ave., or to chris@bloomingtonparks.org.