



Colchester Parks and Recreation Department

Youth and Adult Scholarship Information

WHAT IS THE COLCHESTER PARKS AND RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND?

The Colchester Parks and Recreation Department maintains a Scholarship Fund for youth and adults who are Colchester Residents that do not have the financial means to participate in fee-based recreational programs and activities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Town of Colchester residents who are experiencing financial difficulty or who are in a unique, hardship situation are eligible to apply for a scholarship. We understand that from time to time families may encounter some unforeseen and unfortunate circumstances, emotionally or financially. During these times this program may provide some financial assistance to help the family meet some recreational needs. If you feel you are in need of assistance, but do not meet the income guidelines, please attach a letter to your registration form stating your circumstances. These are special circumstances and will be handled on a case by case basis. **Depending on availability of scholarship funds, families may or may not be awarded a scholarship two or more consecutive years.**

HOW DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WORK?

Approved individuals or families will be awarded in 25%, 50% or 75% increments, not to exceed \$200 per year. The remaining balance shall be paid by the applicant. Once the necessary paperwork is completed for eligibility, it will stay on file for one calendar year. Applications will continue to be accepted until available scholarship funding is exhausted for the year. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis while funding is available.

WHICH PROGRAMS CAN I USE THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR?

All Colchester Parks and Recreation sponsored programs. Scholarships cannot be used toward the A.C.E. afterschool program, facility rentals, or certain "co-sponsored" programs and summer camps.

WHAT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION IS NEEDED?

Proof of income and residency documents are REQUIRED. Incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarship funding.

OPTION 1:

- Attach copies of your income tax return for the most current filing year

OPTION 2:

- Free Lunch Program Documentation from Colchester School District
- Copy of Driver's License
- Copy of a utility bill, tax bill, land line phone bill, or any documentation tied directly to the residence.

ALL ITEMS MUST HAVE CORRECT NAME, ADDRESS, AND A CURRENT DATE.

HOW TO APPLY

For an application, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 802-264-5640. Applications are available at 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, Vermont 05446 or on our website www.colchestervt.gov/recreation. For confidentiality purposes, please be sure to submit application and paperwork in a sealed envelope, unless dropping off in person.

Scholarship requests should be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Office at least one week (5 business days) before the start of the program or activity.



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Please provide all requested information

Name _____
(Name of head of household requesting funds)

Address _____

Town _____ ZIP _____

Employer _____

Preferred Phone # _____ Email _____

Total Household Monthly Income \$ _____

Total Family Members _____

Names, birthdates, class information of those requesting scholarships:

1. _____ Birth Date _____

Class Name: _____ Class Fee: \$ _____

2. _____ Birth Date _____

Class Name: _____ Class Fee: \$ _____

3. _____ Birth Date _____

Class Name: _____ Class Fee: \$ _____

I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given of financial aid; and that Colchester Parks and Recreation staff may verify the information on the application.

Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PROOF OF INCOME AND RESIDENCY

----- (DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - OFFICE USE ONLY) -----

Percentage Granted:	25	50	75
Amount Owed:	_____		
Approved by:	_____		

Contacted On:	_____
Claimed On:	_____
Payment Method:	_____



Annual Income Guidelines to Qualify for Assistance
Based on 2016 – 17 Yearly Income

MAXIMUM YEARLY INCOME PER HOUSEHOLD SIZE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE
(October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017)

<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Max Yearly Income</i>
1	\$15,444
2	\$20,832
3	\$26,208
4	\$31,596
5	\$36,972
6	\$42,360
7	\$47,760
8	\$53,160