

Financial Assistance FAQ's

What is Financial Assistance?

A. The YMCA of Greater Hartford believes in providing membership and program services to all who desire to participate. The YMCA's Financial Assistance program, supported in part by the annual Strong Kids Campaign, uses all available resources to provide support to those who have financial need and qualify for assistance.

Q. Who is eligible for Financial Assistance and how is it determined?

A. Anyone may apply for Financial Assistance. Approval of the application is made on an individual basis. The YMCA uses a sliding-fee scale guideline based on total household income and number of dependents. The scale assists the staff of each branch in determining the amount of assistance awarded and its applicable time frame.

Q. Is it possible to join the YMCA for free?

A. The YMCA believes a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed when the financial assistance recipient contributes to the cost of their YMCA involvement. Therefore, applicants will be asked to pay a portion of the fee for the requested service.

Q. If I receive Financial Assistance, what is expected of me?

A. Upon approval of financial assistance, a YMCA staff member will review the conditions of the Financial Assistance with you. Those conditions will include the length of the Financial Assistance, the expectation that you take full advantage of the assistance by using the membership or service regularly, as well as a commitment to make payments on time.

Q. How quickly can I expect to receive this assistance?

A. Once the Financial Assistance application and required documents have been submitted to the designated staff member, the YMCA will contact you within two weeks to review the outcome of your application.

Q. How long will Financial Assistance assistance continue?

A. Need for assistance is assessed at the time of request and reviewed on a regular basis.

Q. Who will be reviewing my application?

A. The Membership Director and administrator review and process your application. All information is handled confidentially and kept secure.

Q. May I do anything in return for this assistance?

A. Yes! At the YMCA, youth and adults are encouraged to volunteer. Also, YMCA donors appreciate learning how their contributions are used. Tell us your story! Submitting a short note about how you or your family benefited from the financial assistance is appreciated.

Q. Is Financial Assistance available at all YMCA of Greater Hartford branches?

A. Yes. Financial Assistance is available at every branch of the YMCA of Greater Hartford. Financial Assistance is branch specific, and is not transferable from one branch to another. You must request from the branch at which you wish to participate as a member or program participant.

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Financial Assistance Application
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