



We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities

Winona Family YMCA

Thank you for your interest in the Winona Family YMCA. It is the policy of the Winona Family YMCA to provide services to any person who desires to participate regardless of their ability to pay the standard fee. These funds are made available through contributions to the YMCA from a variety of sources including the United Way.

Financial assistance eligibility will be determined based on a thorough review of the application and if necessary, a personal interview of the applicant. Subsidies will be granted to the extent that funds are available.

The YMCA believes a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed if the financial assistance recipient has contributed to the cost of their YMCA involvement. Therefore, applicants are asked to pay a portion of the fee for the requested service. Payment plans can be set up.

ALL APPLICANTS RECORDS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

Application Procedures:

Attach a copy of one of the following items as proof of income:

1. Latest tax return IRS 1040 **and** a letter indicating your financial situation
2. Social Security subsidy document **and** a letter indicating your financial situation
3. Public aid documentation **and** a letter indicating your financial situation

Applicants have the opportunity to provide information on any extraordinary expenses and/or situation which may pertain to their eligibility for financial assistance.

Important:

*Please return the completed application to the Service Counter at the YMCA and follow up with a phone interview with Patrick Menton. Applications will not be processed without the phone interview. **Contact Patrick Menton at the Winona YMCA 507/454-1520***

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Questions and answers regarding YMCA financial assistance

Q. What is YMCA financial assistance?

A. The Winona Family YMCA believes in providing membership and program services to all who desire to participate. The YMCA's financial assistance program uses all available resources to provide support to those who have financial need and qualify for assistance.

Q. Who is eligible for YMCA financial assistance?

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 in determining the amount of scholarship 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 YMCA financial assistance, what is expected of me?

A. Upon approval of financial assistance, a YMCA staff member will review the conditions of the scholarship with you. Those conditions will include the length of the scholarship, 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 will the financial assistance amount be determined, and how quickly can I expect to receive financial assistance?

A. Scholarships are determined on an individual basis using a sliding-fee scale guideline to assist in designating the amount of assistance. 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. ***It is your responsibility to follow up the application process with a phone interview with Patrick Menton, Program Director.***

Q. How long will the financial assistance continue?

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

Q. Who will be reviewing my application?

A. The executive director and his designee are the only people who will review your application. All information is handled confidentially.

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. Submitting a short note about how you or your family benefited from the financial assistance is appreciated.