



City of Mt. Pleasant – Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Youth Recreation Scholarship Application Guidelines



Purpose: - To allow every City of Mt. Pleasant **resident**, age 17 and under, the opportunity to participate in recreational activities regardless of household financial conditions. The Youth Recreation Scholarship program was developed to facilitate recreational opportunities for individuals and families with demonstrated financial needs.

Who Qualifies? – Any **City of Mt. Pleasant** resident youth age of 17 and under who meets the qualification standards listed in **Table 1**, below (chart used is based directly on Free and Reduced Lunch Program requirements) and whose parent/guardian submits the Youth Recreation Scholarship Application along with the required documentation may qualify. Scholarships are limited to two activities per child per season (fall/winter, spring/summer) with a maximum of three (3) activities per child per year. All scholarship applications will be valid for one (1) year from the date they are submitted. Proof of city residency will be required at the time of application (i.e. current driver's license, tax bill, voter's registration card). Applicants will be notified if the scholarship is approved or not approved.

How to Apply – Complete the Youth Recreation Scholarship Application form, which must be signed by a parent/guardian of the named youth applicant. One of the following pieces of documentation must accompany the application form: Approved Reduced Lunch Program form, W-2 Form, DSS Form, SSI Form, Social Security and/or Unemployment Statements. Total family annual income must include the following before deductions for taxes:

- Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions for fees;
- Net income from self-employment;
- Social security
- Public assistance or welfare payments;
- Alimony or child support payments;
- Regular contributions from persons not living in the household;
- Other cash income;

Other Important Information

- Scholarship amounts are based on total family size and total family annual income level (see **Table 1** at right).
- Reduced fees will only be granted for recreation programs solely sponsored by Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation.
- Completing a Youth Recreation Scholarship Application DOES NOT register a child for a program. Please complete the required registration form separately for the activities in which you are interested in having your children participate.
- All participants are expected to pay at least 25% of an activity registration fee.
- Scholarships will be provided on a first-come, space-available basis.
- Eligibility requirements for early bird discounts are applicable as identified in activity information.

Table 1

Based on 2017/18 Free and Reduced Lunch Program Requirements

TOTAL FAMILY SIZE	Total Annual Family Income*	
	75% Scholarship Eligibility	50% Scholarship Eligibility
2	21,112	30,044
3	26,546	37,777
4	31,980	45,510
5	37,414	53,243
6	42,848	60,976
7	48,282	68,709
8	53,716	76,442
<i>For each additional family member, add:</i>	+\$5,434	+\$7,733

**Total family annual income from all sources before deductions for taxes, insurance premiums, bonds, and other employee deductions.*

Confidentiality - Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation will use the information on the application only to decide if your children qualify to receive a partial scholarship for eligible recreation activities. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Applicants are guaranteed that personal finances will not be discussed outside of the department management. Coaches, instructors, or program leaders will not be informed of a participant's financial or scholarship status.

