



City of Avon Lake Parks and Recreation Department Scholarship Program

Overview

The City of Avon Lake Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of programs and activities for all ages. The City of Avon Lake strives to make all of our programs accessible to all its residents. Therefore, a scholarship program is available for those who would not otherwise be able to afford to participate in these programs.

Goal

The City of Avon Lake feels that recreation programs are essential for the physical, social and emotional growth of an individual. Therefore, the goal of the scholarship program is to provide recreational opportunities and to assist residents of the City of Avon Lake in special times of need. The City of Avon Lake is sincerely committed to providing the benefits of recreation to all of its residents regardless of their financial conditions.

Guidelines and Procedure

- Scholarships are awarded for our programs and classes. However, some of the programs may not be eligible for scholarship awards. If you have a question regarding eligibility, please contact the Avon Lake Parks and Recreation Department at 440-930-4130 or hlam@avonlake.org.
- Scholarship recipients must be residents of Avon Lake.
- Scholarship considerations are based on participation in the Avon Lake School District Free and Reduced Program, or currently eligible for assistance through Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services, or similar. Additional verification of this information may be requested in order to complete the scholarship application.
- Scholarship year runs from September 1st through August 31st.
- All scholarship requests must be submitted on the appropriate form by the program registration deadline or four (4) weeks prior to the start of the program or class. It is helpful to have applications as early as possible to aid in consideration and communication.
- Each application will be considered individually. Filling out an application is not an automatic assurance of a scholarship award. Applicants will receive notification or an update of their status within one week of their initial application.

- Registration for the program or class is required. The scholarship application does not replace the registration process. Registrations for these scholarships will be strictly handled on a first-come first-serve basis and processed immediately upon approval.
- Scholarship awards are not to exceed three (3) programs OR \$150.00 per person per year.
- Pool Passes are not included in the scholarship program.
- If there are two or more children in the household, they both must be on separate applications. This does not assure that both children will receive the scholarship award. It is important to get the application in as quick as possible.
- Parents or guardians of scholarship participants will be required to pay 50% of the program or class registration fee if the child is in the reduced lunch program. In order to participate, approved applicants must pay in full their remaining portion of the registration fee before the first day of the program. If it is not paid, then that applicant will be disqualified from the program, and the next person on the waiting list will be considered.
- Any additional costs that are not a part of the registration fee, such as supplies, additional equipment, or costs associated with transportation or any miscellaneous needs will not be covered by the scholarship award, and are the responsibility of the scholarship participant.
- In the event a scholarship participant finds they are unable to attend the registered program, it is the participant's responsibility to notify the City of Avon Lake Parks and Recreation Department or the Program Coordinator of the registered activity to cancel at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of the activity.
- If the scholarship participant cancels an awarded program or class less than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the program, the scholarship cannot be transferred to another program or class during that scholarship year. A refund of the fee portion paid by the scholarship participant will be processed and refunded following our normal cancellation/refund policy.

All scholarship applications may be mailed or delivered in person to the City of Avon Lake Parks and Recreation Department, 150 Avon Belden Road or emailed to us at alrec@avonlake.org. If you have any questions about our scholarship program, please feel free to contact us at (440) 930-4130 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 pm.