



2010 Financial Aid Guidelines

Financial Policy & Procedure for Application

The Freeport Park District recognizes the need within our community to provide assistance to residents who do not have the financial resources to participate in the fee-based services we provide. Financial aid is available for Freeport Park District residents requesting assistance with the purchase of the following Freeport Park District recreation services:

- Individual Youth (1-17 yrs.) Season Pass to the Read Park Family Aquatic Center
- Family Season Pass (Must include at least 1 youth) to the Read Park Family Aquatic Center
- Youth Recreation Program(s) solely sponsored by the Freeport Park District

Scholarships will be granted or denied based upon the Applicant's available information, criteria established and financial aid funds available. The maximum amount of financial aid/fees waived per family is limited to \$140 annually. Applications are accepted at the Park District Administration Office located at 1122 S. Burchard Avenue. Applications will be processed as quickly as possible. However, during periods of increased number of requests, this process will take a minimum of 5 working days and can take up to 15 working days to process. Final instructions on obtaining assistance will be given in a letter. Applications for financial aid will be kept confidential and are not a matter of public record of the Park District. Financial aid will be granted or denied without regard to sex, race, creed, religion, handicap, or national origin of the applicant. By completing an Application, the Applicant (1) waives any claim to any right of privacy, and (2) authorizes representatives of the Freeport Park District to communicate with any organization or person listed in the Application and to verify any information provided in the Application.

Eligibility Criteria

Everyone requesting assistance is required to complete a Freeport Park District Financial Aid Application and submit copies of last year's tax returns, including W-2's, and two recent pay stubs from each wage earner. If you do not have a tax return, you must provide some reasonable proof of economic hardship including, but not limited to, Public Aid, Disability and/or Child Support documentation. Eligibility in all cases is based on the following gross household income guidelines:

<u>Household size</u>	<u>Annual Income</u>
1	\$10,830
2	14,570
3	18,310
4	22,050
5	25,790
6	29,530
7	33,270
8	37,010

*For each additional person, add \$3,740

Financial Aid Entitlements

Each qualifying family is entitled to \$140 annually and entitled to the following:

Individual Youth Season Pass to the Read Park Family Aquatic Center = Applicant pays 35% of normal pass fee

Family Season Pass to the Read Park Family Aquatic Center = Applicant pays 35% of normal pass fee

Youth Recreation Program(s) = Applicant pays 35% of normal fee for in-house programs (ex. Tee-ball)

Applicant pays 75% of normal fee for contractual programs (ex. Tae Kwon Do)