



Youth Recreation Scholarship Program Guidelines

Purpose

The program's purpose is to mitigate the effects of poverty and other situations that place a child's social and emotional development at risk. The Youth Recreation Scholarship is intended to assist children age 0-18 to participate in after-school activities. Priority will be given to those children who are homeless or considered most at risk.

Eligibility

Family must have an income of 150% of the poverty level or below (see chart on application) OR child is in foster care with proof of placement in a licensed foster home. The applicant must be a Kittitas County resident and actively enrolled in an educational setting during the academic school year.

Administration

HopeSource will administer the disbursement of the Youth Recreation Scholarship funds on behalf of Kittitas County and United Way.

Application

Families interested in applying for a Youth Recreation Scholarship will submit their application to HopeSource. The application shall include the following items:

1. Application form (includes address, contact information, and information about the activity the child is participating in)
2. Current HopeSource intake on file (with proof of income verification within the last year)
3. Registration forms or verification of registration for activity, including name and address of organization/individual that fees must be paid to

Scholarship-funded activities

KITTITAS COUNTY YOUTH SPORTS FUND is limited to youth sports activities for children age 0-18. Activities may include, but are not limited to, organized indoor and outdoor sports activities, gymnastics, swim lessons, sports leagues, school sports and activities, and day sports camps. Financial assistance may be used to purchase sports supply equipment if the equipment is necessary for the child to participate in the organized youth sports activity (i.e. soccer shoes for the soccer team). Financial assistance will not be used to pay for child or respite care, pool passes, non-organized youth event or non-sports activity.

UNITED WAY RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS can help pay for music lessons, art classes, dance, gymnastics, swim lessons, yoga, drama classes, sports leagues, day camps and more for children age 0-18. The scholarship may also be used for sports equipment for a specific activity if the equipment is necessary in order to participate in that activity (for example, soccer cleats for a soccer league).

Payment Information/Restrictions

Award amount: 75% per application request, not to exceed \$75.00. Limit of \$125 per child per calendar year. Each parent/guardian should anticipate making a monetary contribution to the activity. HopeSource will send payment directly to organization hosting the activity.

Approval

Upon final approval for funding, an award letter will be issued. We encourage combined resources to help meet the financial need for the child.