



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

## YMCA of Lansing

**Proof of all income must accompany all applications. Current tax returns or government assistance forms are required.**

**Personal** (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person to receive assistance \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  M  F

Spouse's name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults in household \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

### Dependents Living At Home

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_  M  F Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_  M  F Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_  M  F Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

### Employment

Currently employed:  No  Yes Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Students

Are you presently enrolled in school:  No  Yes Full Time:  No  Yes

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving financial assistance:  No  Yes How much \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Income

Monthly gross income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's monthly gross income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other income (list source and amount) \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership/Program Request** (Please list the type of membership or program you are applying for. If listing more than one, please state your preference. Please be specific. Use back of sheet if necessary)

How much are you willing to pay per month toward your request? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How will the Y's Financial Assistance Programs benefit you/your family? Use back of sheet or attach a separate sheet:

The information I have provided on this form is correct, and I agree to provide additional documentation to verify financial need if required.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What is the Y's Financial Assistance Program?**

The YMCA of Lansing believes in providing membership & program services to all who desire to participate. The Y's financial assistance program, supported in part by the Annual Giving Campaign, uses all available resources to provide support to those who have financial need and qualify for assistance.

## **Who is eligible for Y financial assistance?**

Anyone may apply for financial assistance. Approval of applications is made on an individual basis. The association uses a sliding-fee scale based on a total household income & number of dependents living in the household. The scale assists the financial assistance officer in determining the amount of scholarship awarded and its applicable time frame.

## **Is it possible to join the Y for free?**

The Y believes a strong sense of ownership & pride is developed when the financial assistance recipient contributes to the cost of their Y involvement. Therefore, applicants will be asked to pay a portion of the fee for the requested service.

## **If I receive financial assistance, what is expected of me?**

Upon approval of the financial assistance, the Y representative 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.

## **How will the financial assistance amount be determined, and how quickly can I expect to receive it?**

Scholarships are determined on an individual basis using a sliding-fee scale. Once the financial assistance application & required documentation have been submitted, the YMCA of Lansing will notify you the application status. Assistance is limited, and preference is given to youth and families.

## **How long will the financial assistance continue?**

Financial assistance is awarded for four months per awardee. At the end of the term, you must reapply for the assistance. Those who are new are given priority.

## **How do I apply?**

1. Complete the financial assistance application form in this brochure.
2. Two of the following documents must be submitted with the applications:
  - a. most recent federal income tax form
  - b. one of the following:
    - letter from employer verifying current employment and income
    - a recent paycheck stub
    - state verification of assistance (include copies for all individuals contributing to the household income.)
3. Mail or bring the application and documents to the assistance representative.

## **Who will review my application?**

The program/membership designee are the only people who will review your application. All information is handled confidentially.

## **Is financial assistance available at all YMCA of Lansing branches?**

Financial assistance is available at every branch of the YMCA of Lansing. Because scholarships are branch specific, financial assistance is not transferable from one branch to another. Financial assistance must be sought from the branch at which you wish to participate as a member or program participant.