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Fox Valley Special Recreation Association Scholarship Policy

Policy

It is the policy of the Fox Valley Special Recreation Association (FVSRA) that every FVSRA resident should have the opportunity to participate in FVSRA services. Based on the availability of funds, FVSRA has developed a comprehensive program to assist individuals and/or families who are experiencing a financial hardship. The scholarship program is designed to provide a subsidy to fees for participation in recreation programs offered by FVSRA. FVSRA reserves the right to approve or deny an applicant's request. The FVSRA Scholarship Policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis and is subject to change without notice.

Qualifications

1. Participant must reside within the boundaries of the FVSRA Member Agencies.
2. A participant may be eligible for financial assistance if they are receiving public aid from Social Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) through IL Link, Illinois All Kids (CHIPRA), YouthCare Health Plan through DCFS..
3. Participant must display a financial need in order to qualify for FVSRA scholarships.

The Scholarship Committee may consider extenuating circumstances for those individuals who do not meet the established qualifications and award a scholarship.

Guidelines

1. Scholarship Application Form is valid for the period from March 1 to April 30th of the following year.
2. Participant or the participant's parent or guardian must complete the Scholarship Application Form and submit required documents as requested.
3. The Scholarship Application Form ***must be submitted in advance of or with the Program Registration***; All information submitted is confidential and is not a matter of public record of the Fox Valley Special Recreation Association.
4. Limited scholarships are available. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of need and availability of funds.
5. Once the scholarship is applied, the remaining balance must be paid twenty-one days before the start of the program.

6. **Any outstanding balances from previous programs need to be paid in full prior to the Scholarship Application being reviewed.**
7. Day Break programs are exempt from scholarship requests.

Procedures

1. Page 1 of Scholarship application completed in full.
2. Provide documentation if applicant has one of the following: Social Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) through IL Link, Illinois All Kids (CHIPRA), or YouthCare Health Plan through DCFS.
3. If applicant does not have one of the items listed in number two, fill out page 2 of scholarship application. Applicant may be asked to provide verification for further clarification as all applications are reviewed by FVSRA's Scholarship Committee
4. Once scholarship is approved, scholarship funds will be deposited in participant's account and the head of household will be notified. Participant will then be able to register for program online.
5. Participants 19 years or older must resubmit application every 2 years excluding Summer Day Camp. Summer Day Camp and participants under 19 years old must resubmit application every year.
6. All applicants will be notified by e-mail within 2 business days the results of their scholarship application.