

Scholarship Policy Statement

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LE MARS YMCA Confidential Application for Financial Assistance

The Le Mars YMCA is a non-profit agency open to all people regardless of age, race, gender, religion or ability to pay. It is our policy that no one will be denied a membership or opportunity to participate in a program at the Le Mars YMCA due to financial reasons. Partial scholarships are available to those who apply and meet our income guidelines. You can apply for assistance on memberships, programs or both; you do not need to have a membership to qualify for youth or adult program discounts. To apply for financial assistance this form must be completed and accompanied by a letter of referral showing financial need and a copy of last year's first two pages of your Federal or State Tax Returns. Items on this form with an asterisk must be filled out or it may delay your scholarship application.

*Name _____ * Date of Birth _____ Male ___ Female ___

*Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

*Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____ Are you easily contacted by e-mail? _____

*Please list dependents (If applying for a family / single parent family membership):

Spouse _____	Date of Birth _____	Male ___ Female ___
Child _____	Date of Birth _____	Male ___ Female ___
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What type of membership are you applying for? (Please circle all that apply)

YMCA Outdoor Pool Indoor Pool

Youth Adult Family Single Parent Family Senior Couple

What type of program are you applying for? _____

*How much do you feel you can afford to pay for this membership or program?

\$ _____ Yearly or \$ _____ Monthly

Why are applying for financial assistance? (Please circle all that apply)

Limited Income Loss of Job Medical Bills Divorce Other: _____

*Financial Information:

\$ _____ Monthly Gross Paycheck
\$ _____ Spouse's Monthly Gross Paycheck
\$ _____ Alimony / Child Support
\$ _____ Supplemental Support (Housing, Food Stamps, Social Security, etc.)
\$ _____ Other Income
\$ _____ Total Monthly Income

By my signature, I am requesting assistance from the Le Mars YMCA due to my personal circumstances and I certify that all information provided is correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

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The Le Mars YMCA offers quality, affordable programs and services designed to benefit people of all incomes and backgrounds. Through generous contributions to our Partner with Youth campaign from members of the Le Mars YMCA, members of our community, and the Le Mars United Way, no one is turned away due to an inability to pay. All records are kept confidential. Within the available resources of the association, the Le Mars YMCA will provide services for any youth, senior, or adult who desires to participate and understands the benefits of the Le Mars YMCA. A sliding scale is used to determine how much assistance is awarded. **Scholarships cannot be used with any other type of discount.**

Income Verification Guidelines...

Financial assistance applicants must provide the following financial verification:

1. Most recent income tax return (State or Federal)
2. Letter of referral. (clergy, school official, employer)

Exceptions to above as follows:

1. Government Assistance- Notice of Decision (with names of eligible person(s) and total income including food stamps)
2. Social Security Disability- Letter from Social Security Office or Notice of Decision stating monthly benefits amount. This often needs to be accompanied by Government Assistance Income as applicable.
3. Unemployed- Notification of Eligible Benefits from Unemployment Office. Federal tax return will still be needed, as unemployment is a taxable income.
4. Full-Time College Student- Letter from Registrar's Office indicating a current full-time student status. A school schedule is NOT adequate documentation.
5. No Income- The Le Mars YMCA needs the Income Verification of the person(s) supporting the applicant.
Example: John does not work and is living with his grandmother. Since she is providing him with room and board, the Le Mars YMCA would need a letter from the grandmother stating the situation.
6. Just released from prison- A letter is required from probation or parole officers stating release date. In most cases, the applicant will receive a temporary one-month membership. The applicant may then reapply with two paycheck stubs once employment is secured. Cases are reviewed on an individual basis.
7. Persons living in shelters- Letter from caseworker stating the circumstances of the individuals' situation.
8. Please see YMCA Staff if your income falls under different criteria as stated above.

How to apply for financial assistance at the Le Mars YMCA:

- Completely fill out Financial Assistance Application
- Turn in application and complete financial verification to the Front Desk
- Applications are reviewed on a weekly basis
- The Le Mars YMCA will notify you of your assistance rate
- **Your application will not be processed until required verification is submitted in its entirety.**
- Information must be submitted on an annual basis. A change in income or situation may result in an adjustment in our scholarship award.

