



TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD

Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

Civic Center, 84 Broad St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003

www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

Financial Assistance Program

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department offers a wide variety of programs and activities for our residents. In an attempt to remove financial barriers, a Financial Assistance Program has been created to help those residents who can demonstrate financial need and/or hardship.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- Awards are available for youth programs (Pre-K through 12th grade).
- Award recipients must be a full time resident of Bloomfield, NJ.
- Award consideration is based on participation in the Free and Reduced Price School Meal Program (FRMP) (parent/guardian must sign a waiver that allows the Director to contact the school district to verify eligibility). If the child is not enrolled in the District's Free and Reduced Price School Meal Program then the parent/guardian must supply the same information to the Director that would be required to apply for the Free and Reduced Price School Meal Program. Special circumstances that create a temporary family hardship will be considered on a case by case basis.
- To ensure awards are available to the greatest number of children possible, awards are limited to a maximum of \$125.00 per calendar year per child. The family maximum for a calendar year is \$375.00.
- Families eligible for the District's **free lunch program** are eligible to receive up to 50% of the respective registration fee or \$60.00, whichever is less. The applicant will be responsible for the remaining balance above and beyond the \$60.00 financial aid. If cumulative registration fees are greater than \$125.00, the applicant is responsible for the amount over \$125.00.
- Families eligible for the District's **reduced lunch program** are eligible to receive up to 25% of the respective fee or \$60.00, whichever is less. The applicant will be responsible for the remaining balance above and beyond the \$60.00 financial aid. If cumulative registration fees are greater than \$125.00, the applicant is responsible for the amount over \$125.00.
- Approved applicants must pay any balance above the allotment before the start of the program. If it is not paid the applicant may be subject to removal from the activity.
- Any additional costs that are not part of the registration fee will not be covered by the Financial Assistance Program and are the responsibility of the participant (equipment, uniforms etc)
- Awards cannot be transferred to another person, program, activity or event.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Complete the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Program Assistance Application
- Provide documentation proving that the participant is enrolled in the FRMP
- Return all completed forms to the Civic Center, 84 Broad St.
- Space in the desired program/activity must be available at the time of application.
- Awards are dependent upon the availability of funds and are awarded on a first come, first served basis. To ensure funds are available throughout the entire calendar year, the total funds raised for the Financial Assistance Program Fund calendar year will be divided by four and 25% of those funds will be equally available for all four seasons (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall)
- Applicants will receive notification or an update of their status within one week of the initial application.



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Financial Assistance Program Application

The applicant must fill out this application completely and legibly. Completion of an application does not automatically assure an award. Awards are dependent upon the availability of funds and are awarded on a first come, first served basis. Applicants will receive notification or an update of their status within one week of the initial application. All information will remain confidential.

Program/Class title: _____ Program Season: _____ Original Fee: _____

Participant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Participant's School: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone/Daytime: _____ Phone/Evenings: _____

Family Email: _____

1) Is your child enrolled in **the Free and Reduced School Meal Program** in the Bloomfield School District? _____
If you answered "yes", complete this form by signing and dating below. If "no", please complete #2.

2) Please indicate A) Family Size: _____ and B) Yearly Income Before Taxes: _____
The Department reserves the right to require proof of income i.e.: previous year's tax return.

If there are circumstances leading to temporary family hardship, please explain briefly below. Remember all information will remain confidential.

I certify the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing this form, I hereby give permission to the Bloomfield Board of Education officials to release my child's eligibility status for free or reduced price meals to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Dept. By signing this Waiver of Confidentiality, I fully understand that my child's name and eligibility status will be released to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Dept ONLY and that the student's eligibility/participation in the lunch program will not be affected by signing this release.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this Application I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this Application contains no willful misstatement of fact or omission of material fact. I also allow the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department to verify my participation in the Free & Reduced Lunch Program with the BOE.

(Application is not valid without signature of parent/legal guardian if award is for someone under 18.)

Staff Use Only

Original class/program fee: _____ Amount to be paid by participant: _____ Amount of Award: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____