## APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

# COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Your interview will be a personal assessment of your financial situation. The interview will be confidential and private.

Members who continue to need assistance after one year need to re-apply. Those interested in applying can visit the YMCA and request an application form (see reverse side) and drop in for an interview during our times listed below.

Please ensure you complete the form on the reverse side. Further information on program assistance will be provided during the membership assistance interview.

Interviews are held Mondays and Tuesdays 9:00am to 6:00pm, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00am to 5:00pm on a first come, first serve basis. If these times are not convenient for you, please contact the Sales and Service desk at (705) 748-9622.

You will need to provide proof of monthly income and expenses (rent/mortgage, child care, transportation costs, utility bills and other fixed expenses) in order to complete the interview. Be prepared to make your first payment if you should decide to accept our offer. Lastly, bring with you a void cheque or credit card to set up future payments.

### Who is eligible for the YMCA Membership/Program Assistance?

People whose financial circumstances make them unable - not unwilling - to pay the full fee for a regular membership.

#### Can my whole family apply for a YMCA membership?

Yes. Ask a YMCA staff person about family membership requirements.

## How does the YMCA determine how much I can afford to pay? Is it possible to join the YMCA for free?

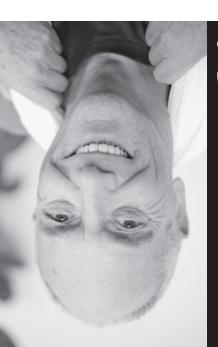
We assess everyone individually. We will ask you to bring your financial records to your interview. Everyone must pay a portion of the annual fee. Although the YMCA does strive to maintain the guideline of charging 50% of the regular membership fees, we also recognize that some applicants are able to pay more while others pay less. We will fully discuss your options at your interview.

### If I receive YMCA Membership Assistance, what is expected of me?

All information that you provide will be kept confidential. We expect the same confidentiality from you. A YMCA Membership also requires a commitment to making your payments on time and to using your membership regularly. (Recommended minimum use - once a week).

#### How is the Membership/Program Assistance funded?

Monies come from a combination of sources such as the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, the United Way and the YMCA.





The YMCA Strong Kids Campaign supports the membership assistance program. Strong Kids supporters provide individuals and families in need the opportunity to participate in membership and programs they otherwise could not afford.

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As a charity your YMCA is open to all. Providing opportunities for growth in spirit, mind and body. The YMCA strives to be a recognized leader and valued partner in

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# YMCA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FORM

Date:	Income	
Last Name:	Monthly Household Income \$	
First Name:	Other Income \$	
Age: d d / m m / y y y y  Address:	(alimony, child tax credits, public assistance, etc.	
	Total Income: (A)\$	
	Basic Monthly Expenses	
Postal Code: Home Phone:	Housing \$(rent, mortgage & taxes)	
Email:	Groceries \$ (estimated family food bill)	
Applying for: Individual Membership □ or Family Membership □ Adult □ Senior □ Student □ Youth/Child □ Summer Camp □	Child Care \$	
First Name/Last Name: Date of Birth:	Transportation \$(gas, insurance, bus fare, etc.)	
<u> </u>	Utilities \$ (gas, hydro)	
	Basic Phone/and or Cell \$	
<u> </u>	Basic Cable/Internet \$	
Reason for applying for financial assistance:	Other \$	
	Total Expenses (B)\$	
	Disposable Income (A) - (B) = \$	
	Contribution to YMCA membership (to be completed by YMCA Staff) \$	
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#### **YMCA PROGRAMS**

The YMCA offers a wide range of programs for infants, preschoolers, children/youth, teens, adults and seniors alike. Please indicate below which programs are of interest to you:

- ☐ Aquatic Programs
- Adult Fitness and Lifestyle
- Martial Arts
- Preschool and Youth Programs
- Senior programs
- ☐ Teens and Leadership Programs

How did you hear about YMCA Financial Assistance?

How many times a week do you or your child(ren) anticipate using your membership?

□ 1-2 □ 2-4 □ 4-6 □ daily

What benefits do you hope to gain from the YMCA?

Which specific programs and services interest you?

Are you, and/ or your family currently participating in any health, fitness or recreation programs or services?

Please state how much you can afford to pay per month towards a YMCA service? \*\*Please note, if applying for summer camp, payments may be more frequent.

#### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR PROGRAM REGISTRATION

- All YMCA youth/child/preschool members will receive one free aquatic and one free land program per child/per session
- Reduced rates on registered programs
- Register early- members register before non-members
- Free drop in programs for members of all ages
- Member Connect & Youth Connect included with membership

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