



# PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

## Scholarship Program 2021

Am I and/or my family Eligible?

Eligible individuals and families must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Must be a resident of Oak Park
  2. PDOP uses a 3 tier income eligibility chart. Tiers 1 & 2 coincide with the free and reduced lunch program with District 97 schools. (See application for details)
  3. Activity attendance, pass usage, and conduct will be a consideration annually when granting funds to repeat families.
- \*Must be able to provide proof of residency, income, and proof of dependents as defined on the application.

What type of programs are eligible for scholarship funds?

Scholarship funds can be used for all programs and passes offered by the Park District of Oak Park. (i.e. camps, programs, pool passes, group fitness classes, trips). Funds are not eligible for equipment purchases, facility, rentals, or family punch passes (skate rental, preschool playtime, open gym).

Will full funding for programs be provided and how much is available?

Depending on your household size and income, up to 75% of fees may be granted up to specified maximums per person as defined on the application.

When and how can I apply?

Applications must be filled out annually. Applications along with supporting eligibility documents are accepted anytime at the Gymnastics and Recreation Center (21 Lake Street) and the Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex (415 Lake Street) . Please call ahead for hours. You may also mail your packet in a sealed envelope (please write, "Attn: Customer Service Manager" to 415 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60302.

Do I have to renew my scholarship every year?

Yes, our scholarship program runs January 1 through December 31 of each year. Applications can be accepted starting December 15 for the upcoming calendar year.

Where can I send the application?

You can print out an application from our website at: [www.pdop.org/scholarships](http://www.pdop.org/scholarships) or pick up or turn in an application at the Gymnastics and Recreation Center (21 Lake Street) or the RCRC (415 Lake Street) during normal business hours. Online submission are also accepted and encouraged.

I've submitted my application and documentation. When will I know if a scholarship has been approved?

Depending on the season, scholarship applications may take between 7-10 business days for a response.

Responses are given via email and/or phone. Funds are available on a first come, first served basis until all funding has been issued.

Our Mission

In partnership with the community, we enrich lives by providing meaningful experiences through programs, parks, and facilities.

Our Goal

The Park District of Oak Park is dedicated to helping serve the residents of Oak Park. Scholarship funds are available to assist low income individuals and families in participating in Park District of Oak Park programs. These funds are provided by the Oak Park Township for children ages 9-17; and by the Park District of Oak Park for all other ages.

For More Information:

Phone: 708.725.2000

Email: [info@pdop.org](mailto:info@pdop.org)

[www.pdop.org/scholarships](http://www.pdop.org/scholarships)

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## January 2021-December 2021

### Funded by the Park District of Oak Park & Oak Park Township



### Instructions

1. Form must be completed on both sides including information for all members of your household requesting a scholarship.
2. Complete Financial Assistance Scholarship (FAS) Income Guidelines Form
3. Attach Proof of Income (all information is kept confidential and will not be shared)
4. Attach Proof of Residency, Proof of Dependents
5. Attach Park District registration form (if currently registering)
6. Turn in forms to 21 Lake St, Oak Park IL 60302, C/O Customer Service Manager
7. You will receive an email response within 7-10 business days regarding the status of your application.

### Eligibility Requirements

Participants of all ages are welcome to apply for a scholarship; however the forms must be completed by an adult age 18 or older. The funding for participants ages 9 through 17 is provided by the Oak Park Township. For all other ages, funding is provided by the Park District of Oak Park. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants and dependent household members only. Proof of dependents must be provided. (Tax form 1040, All Kids Health Card, Birth Certificate, etc...)

All applicants must be Oak Park residents, proof of residency is required—a valid driver’s license or state-issued ID with your Oak Park address, or two of the following: voter registration card, current lease, vehicle registration, home phone bill, vehicle sticker, utility bill.

The family’s income should not exceed Financial Assistance Scholarship (FAS) Income Guidelines (see income verification form). Proof of income is required: tax return, current Medicaid card, public aid (i.e. All Kids healthcare card), District 97 free or reduced lunch acceptance letter, or if working, two consecutive pay stubs.

Attendance and participation will be a factor in awarding scholarships from season to season and year to year to financially eligible participants. This is to ensure scholarship funds are being properly used. The Park District of Oak Park reserves the right to approve or deny an applicant’s request.

### Scholarship Distribution Chart

If approved, available monies will be allocated per individual as displayed here.

Income Level	(% Scholarship) / (% Fees Required)	Max per person per year	Max per household per year
Tier 1 (see FAS chart)	75%/25%	\$300	N/A
Tier 2 (see FAS chart)	35%/65%	\$300	N/A
Tier 3 (see FAS chart)	35%/65%	\$300	N/A

Please provide the following information

Applicant/Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Oak Park, IL Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons in household: Children \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Years/Months as an Oak Park resident: \_\_\_\_\_ (years) / \_\_\_\_\_ (months) Do you: Own? \_\_\_\_\_ Rent? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received a scholarship from the Park District of Oak Park? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If you answered no, how did you hear about the scholarship? Online \_\_\_ Brochure \_\_\_ Word of Mouth \_\_\_ School \_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Current year's total projected household income from all sources (please check range).

- \_\_\_ less than \$15,000                      \_\_\_ \$25,000-\$35,000
- \_\_\_ \$15,000-\$20,000                    \_\_\_ \$35,000-\$45,000
- \_\_\_ \$20,000-\$25,000                    \_\_\_ (If above \$45,000 list amount) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of proof provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a recipient of Public Aid, Unemployment or Aid to Dependent Children (ADC)?                      Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you currently receiving Energy Assistance Funds through Oak Park Township?                      Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is your child (ren) in the free subsidized lunch program at school?                      Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Is your child (ren) in the reduced subsidized lunch program at school?                      Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Public Aid # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in volunteering opportunities with the Park District of Oak Park?                      Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity (\*Optional data will be used for Oak Park Township Statistics) American Indian or Alaska Native \_\_\_\_\_

Black or African American \_\_\_ Hispanic, Latino or Spanish \_\_\_ Middle Eastern or North African \_\_\_

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander \_\_\_ White \_\_\_ Choose Not to Answer \_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_

Please provide the following information regarding all family members who will be using the scholarship

Name (Last, First)	Date of Birth	Grade	Gender (M/F)	Your relationship to name listed	Check if request is for Childcare (Camps / Preschool)

Please make sure all paperwork is completely filled out and submitted so the process is not delayed. If you have questions, please contact Customer Service with the Park District of Oak Park at 708.725.2000.

# 2020 Financial Assistance Scholarship (FAS) AIIncome Guidelines



Note: Applicant’s income will be verified with tax return, paycheck stub, or other appropriate document.

Note to Parent/Guardian: Please circle the size of your household and your total household income below, and sign to verify your income. Household income must be equal to or less than the amounts listed for each pay period for your child to be eligible for the scholarship. You will need to present documentation verifying your income.

**Circle Household Size and Income:**

TIER 1 (Fees Covered)                      TIER 2 (Fees Covered)                      Tier 3 (Fees Covered)  
Scholarship 75% / 25% Participant      Scholarship 55% / 45% Participant      Scholarship 35% / 65% Participant

Household Size	Annual Income	Annual Income	Annual Income
1	16,588	23,606	30,624
2	22,412	31,894	41,376
3	28,236	40,182	52,128
4	34,060	48,470	62,880
5	39,884	56,758	73,632
6	45,708	65,046	84,384
7	51,532	73,334	95,136
8	57,356	81,622	105,888
Each additional family member add	+5,824	+8,288	+10,752

Income is defined as any monies earned before any deductions such as income taxes, social security taxes, insurance premiums; charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions or fees; (2) net income from non-farm self employment; (3) social security; (4) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (5) net rental income; (6) public assistance or welfare payments; (7) unemployment compensation; (8) government civilian employment or military annuities; (9) private pensions or annuities; (10) alimony or child support payments; (11) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (12) net royalties ; and (13) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts, and other resources that would be available.

OR

If your family is faced with extraordinary bills, obligations or other responsibilities please indicate below, explaining that because of these, payment of fees is not possible at this time.

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I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that all information on the application is true and accurate. Scholarships are legally recoverable if paid and awarded based on false information supplied by the applicant. The submission of false information will nullify any request for waiver of program fees.

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Signature of Applicant’s Parent/Legal Guardian Date