



Bob Freesen YMCA
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Bob Freesen YMCA Membership Assistance Program

The Bob Freesen YMCA believes in providing membership and program services to all who desire to participate. Thanks to the Prairieland United Way and generous individual donations, the YMCA is able to provide reduced membership and program fees to eligible applicants.

Who is eligible for YMCA membership assistance?

Anyone may apply for membership assistance. Approval of the application is made by the YMCA on an individual basis.

If a YMCA scholarship is received, what is expected?

It is expected that the recipient take full advantage of the assistance by using the membership or attend the program, as well as, make a commitment to make payments on time. If this commitment is not honored, then future membership assistance will be denied. We would also encourage a short note be submitted by the recipient telling how they benefited from the membership assistance. Donors appreciate learning how their contributions helped others.

Are all YMCA programs available for membership assistance?

Membership assistance is available for YMCA individual and family memberships and *most* YMCA programs. The YMCA facilities include the gym, pool, weight room, racquetball and tennis courts, locker and shower facilities. Scuba, Tae Kwon Do, Lifeguarding Class and Women's and Men's Triangle Centers are only available at the regular rate.

What are the benefits of a membership at the YMCA?

Opportunities to participate at YMCA's nationwide, unlimited visits, free babysitting services during your workout, free adult fitness and water classes, reduced program fees.

How much assistance will be provided?

The YMCA uses guidelines based on total household income and number of dependents. The guidelines assist the YMCA staff in determining the amount of financial assistance awarded. It depends on the programs and the extent of need. Applicants will be asked to pay a portion of the fee for the requested service.

How long will the assistance continue?

Assistance will be granted for a period of one year and may be reapplied for annually.

How is assistance obtained?

1. Request a membership assistance application at the YMCA by stopping by or calling 217-245-2141. Also, ask to take a tour of the facility.

2. Complete and return the application and attach the following requested financial information. The Child Care Coordinator will review the application. All information is handled confidentially.
 - Applicant(s) is employed:
 - Last year's income tax return
 - Current year-to-date wage stub or a statement from your employer
 - If receiving assistance, your caseworker documentation is required
 - Submit proof if receiving child support, benefits or other income

 - Applicant(s) is unemployed and does not receive unemployment benefits:
 - Last year's income tax return
 - Job search required with 3 validated signatures within 30 days
 - Verification of Benefits must be completed and signed by caseworker
 - Submit proof if receiving child support, benefits or other income

 - Applicant(s) is receiving unemployment benefits:
 - Last year's income tax return
 - Current unemployment insurance check stub
 - If employment is seasonal, a statement from employer with YTD wages
 - If receiving assistance, your caseworker documentation is required
 - Submit proof if receiving child support, benefits or other income

 - Applicant(s) is enrolled in college and raising a family:
 - Last year's income tax return
 - Verification of income: students loan, employment, assistance, etc.
 - If receiving assistance, your caseworker documentation is required
 - Submit proof if receiving child support, benefits or other income

 - Applicant has a mental or physical disability
 - Last year's income tax return
 - Physician referral
 - Handicap Sticker or SSI disability statement

 - Agency referral
 - Parent/Guardian may apply for membership assistance for the household
 - The Parent, guardian or caseworker must complete the application for the youth to participate and attach a letter of referral

3. Bring the completed application and requested financial information to the YMCA, Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm or by making an appointment by calling the YMCA at 217-245-2141. You will need to meet with the Membership Assistance Coordinator to review the information and determine your level of financial assistance.