MATTOON AREA FAMILY YMCA/NEAL CENTER YMCA

Membership For All



The Mattoon Area Family YMCA and Neal Center YMCA offer quality, affordable programs and services designed to benefit people of all incomes and backgrounds. Thanks to many generous community supporters, our May Merriment Benefit and the United Way, the Y is accessible to everyone in the community through the Membership for All financial assistance program. All records are kept confidential. Assistance is available for Y programs and membership. A sliding scale is used to determine how much assistance is awarded. * Financial assistance does not apply to Adult Specialty classes including but not limited to ZUMBA®, TRX and Body Pump.

INCOME & DEPENDENT VERIFICATION GUIDELINES...

Financial assistance applicants must provide the following verification (copies only please):
* All sources of household income records must be provided.

- 1. Photo ID.
- 2. Most recent income tax return (Not W-2 Forms)
- 3. Last two paycheck stubs (For All Employed)
- 4. Documentation of dependents if they are not listed on your tax return.

Application that do not include the required financial verification will not be considered.

EXCEPTIONS TO ABOVE AS FOLLOWS:

- Government Assistance: Notice of Decision (with names of eligible person(s) and total income including food stamps).
- Social Security Disability: Letter from Social Security office or Notice of Decision stating the
 monthly benefit 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.
- Full-Time college student: Letter from registrar's office indicating a full-time student status, accompanied by a detailed listing of loans for the current school year, if applicable.
- 5. Please see Welcome Center staff if your income falls under different criteria as stated above.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE...

- Completely fill out Membership For All application.
- Turn in application, financial and dependent verification to the Y Welcome Center.
- Your application will not be accepted unless required verification is submitted in its entirety.
- Applicants will be notified of the decision within 7 business days of applying by phone or mail.
- Approved applications will be kept on file for 30 days. All unclaimed applications will be considered void and the applicant will need to reapply.
- Information must be submitted on an annual basis. A change in income or situation may result
 in an adjustment in your financial assistance award. At renewal time a statement of how the Y
 membership has affected you and your family is required.
- You must renew every year. All renewals will be handled as new memberships and should follow the same guidelines.
- After approval, documentation will be shredded unless a request for return has been made.
- If you have extenuating circumstances that you wish to explain please write this on the reverse side of the application form.



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Financial Assistance Checklist

Thank you for taking the time to complete the scholarship application process. We will not be able to accept the application without all required documentation from the checklist completed in its entirety.

Staff Initials when received in full	Date	
Documents Needed	Member Initials	Staff Initials upon receipt
Photo ID		
Completed Application; signed and dated with both income and expenses filled out in its entirety.		
Most recent income tax return (Not W-2 form)		
Documentation of Income: Last two paycheck stubs, food stamps, social security, alimony, child support, etc. Students are required to submit FAFSA and PELL Grant information.		
If applicant is unemployed: Official Unemployment Letter with eligible benefits or Denial Letter		
Documentation of dependents if they are not listed on tax return (under the age of 18)		

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