



Financial Assistance Application YMCA Camping & Outdoor Leadership: Camp Orkila, Camp Colman & BOLD/GOLD Instructions, Frequently Asked Questions & Application Form

We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to experience the outdoors with the Y. Financial assistance, to the extent possible, is available for those where our full program fees might be a barrier.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS*

If you would like to apply for financial assistance, you may do so online*, or you can fill out the paper application and submit the following components **together** to YMCA Camping & Outdoor Leadership, 909 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104 or email to campinfo@seattleyymca.org:

1. **Registration Form.** Please fill out a registration form for each participant that you would like to attend our programs. It is important that the registration form is filled out completely. Please make sure to indicate which specific session and program you would like to register for. In the "Payment Information" section on our summer forms, please enter the "Tier I" session fee, and remember to indicate whether you would like to add transportation or store money, and your membership status.
2. **Deposit.** A deposit of \$50 is required for each summer session, for each participant, or a 25% deposit for non-summer programs. You may pay the deposit by credit card, cash (in person only), check or money order, payable to YMCA Camping & Outdoor Leadership. *Note: in order to serve as many people as possible, we are only able to offer financial assistance for ONE similar program, per participant (i.e. if your camper wants to attend two separate summer camp programs, we are only able to offer assistance for one of those weeks).
3. **Financial Aid Application.** Please follow the directions at the top of the application carefully. Only one application is required per family. If you are currently receiving financial assistance from a YMCA of Greater Seattle branch but are unsure of the percentage, please contact your branch or the Camping & Outdoor Leadership office.

*You may apply for financial assistance during the online registration process. Simply select the option of applying for financial assistance, and it will prompt you to enter some basic financial information. If you have any questions about the online process, please let us know: 206 382 5009 or campinfo@seattleyymca.org.

If you have already created an account and/or registered for a program, and would like to apply for financial assistance, the application can be found in the "Document Center" on your account, under the "Additional Options" menu.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How early should I apply?

The earlier, the better. Sessions and programs can fill quickly and financial assistance funds are limited. Funds WILL run out.

How much financial assistance will I receive?

We award financial assistance on a sliding scale, based on your household income and the number of people in the household. We are able to award 5–70% financial assistance based on this scale. The percentage is applied towards your session fees only (example: if a family qualifies for 70% financial assistance and the summer Tier 1 cost of the program is \$920, they would receive \$644 in financial assistance for that camper, making your total \$276). Financial assistance is not applied towards store money fees. If you currently receive financial assistance from a YMCA of Greater Seattle branch, we will match the percentage that they award your family

What if the program that I try to register for is full?

If the program you are registering for is full, we will add your name to the program's waitlist and call you to discuss alternative programs and/or sessions. You can self-select a waiting list if you choose to register online. You can access the financial assistance application from the "Document Center" in your account if you are unable to register for a session.

Will my deposit be refunded if I/my camper/family does not attend the program?

Deposits for summer camp are refundable until June 1, and 30 days prior to the program start date for non-summer programs. If participants are a "no-show" (i.e. you do not cancel your registration), nothing is refundable. If you know that your camper or family will not be attending, or would you like to change to a different session, please contact us immediately.

How will I be notified of my financial assistance award?

When financial assistance is awarded, you will receive an email with an invoice attached showing the session and program for which you have registered, the total charges, and the amount of financial assistance being awarded. You can also log-in to your account, and view the amount on your "financial history" page.

What if my camper is interested in multiple weeks of camp?

In order to be able to give as many kids and families as possible the opportunity to attend camp, we are only able to award financial assistance toward one session of summer camp per camper per summer. Your award amount will be the same for other programs (family camps, retreats, etc.)

What if I'm unable to pay my balance by the deadline (or upon receipt of invoice if registering after due date)?

We can work with you to set up a payment plan that will ensure your balance is paid by the time your session starts. To set up a payment plan, please contact the Camping & Outdoor Leadership office at 206 382 5009. Again, the earlier you call us to establish a payment plan, the better. Summer camps fees are due June 1, non-summer camp fees are due 30 days prior to the event start date.

There are extenuating circumstances that should be taken into account with my Financial Assistance application, how can I communicate this?

If you feel that there are circumstances we should be aware of (decrease in income from what is shown on your financial statements, loss of job, etc.), please include a note with your application that includes a description of the circumstances. There is also a space to do this online. We will do our best to take these circumstances into consideration when awarding your financial assistance.

How will applying for Financial Assistance affect my camper's experience?

1 in 6 of our campers attends camp with the help of financial assistance. Receiving financial assistance will have no effect on your or your camper's experience. Financial assistance is anonymous, and camp staff and participants are not told who is or is not receiving financial assistance.

Questions or concerns? Please contact the YMCA Camping & Outdoor Leadership office at 206 382 5009 or campinfo@seattleyymca.org.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION – CAMPING & OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP

YMCA Camp Colman, Camp Orkila & BOLD & GOLD

The Y provides financial assistance, to the extent possible, to those in need. Eligibility is determined by comparing your **gross annual household income** to the Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Income Guidelines for King County. We also take into consideration the number of people supported by your income. Assistance will be granted on a first come, first served basis and will be granted for a maximum of one session per camper per summer.

Yes, my household receives _____% Financial Assistance from the _____ branch of the **YMCA of Greater Seattle**.

If you answered yes, you will receive the same % of assistance toward your program fee at Orkila, Colman or BOLD/GOLD.

If you do not receive financial assistance from a branch of the YMCA of Greater Seattle, please proceed with the application as outlined below. Submit this application, registration form and deposit **together** to the Camping & Outdoor Leadership Office: 909 4th Avenue, Seattle WA 98104. Please direct questions to: campinfo@seattleyymca.org or 206 382 5009.

Section 1. PARENT OR GUARDIAN (or Primary if over 18)			
Legal First Name	MI	Legal Last Name	
2 nd Adult in Household Legal First Name	MI	Legal Last Name	
Address	Apt	City/State	Zip
Best Contact Phone Number	Email Address (REQUIRED)		
Section 2. ASSISTANCE REQUEST			
Programs	Participant's/Child's Legal First Name	MI	Participant's/Child's Legal Last Name
	2 nd Participant's/Child's Legal First Name	MI	Participant's/Child's Legal Last Name
	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Resident Camp <input type="checkbox"/> BOLD/GOLD <input type="checkbox"/> Family Camp/Retreat <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Wellness <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt & Craft		
Section 3. INCOME			
Household Income		Applicant	2 nd Adult (if applicable)
	Gross Household Monthly Income (before taxes)	\$	\$
	Number of adults supported by above income: _____ Number of children supported by above income: _____		
Section 4. SIGNATURE			
I certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand the above agreement and my obligations. I further understand that the YMCA's policy for payment applies to this agreement.			
Signed: _____		Date: _____	