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FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
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# **OPEN DOORS**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**The Y: So Much More.**



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# Frequently Asked Questions

Scholarships are available to adults, children, and families who are unable to attend the Y or its programs due to their financial situation.

## **What Makes Financial Assistance Possible?**

Our Annual Campaign, which is led by volunteers, raises funds that are used directly for financial assistance and are available for children, adults and families in need.

## **Who can participate?**

Scholarships are available to anyone who has the desire to become a member or participate in Y programs, and meets the financial eligibility guidelines of the program.

## **What is the philosophy behind Financial Assistance?**

Ocean Community YMCA's volunteers and staff know that our programs and services have a positive impact on those who participate, and also on our community. We believe that these programs and services should be available to everyone who wants to be involved.

## **How can I apply?**

Complete and submit the attached form, along with all of the required financial information listed on the application. Your application will be processed in 30 days and will receive notification by mail regarding your award amount. Scholarships are awarded on a sliding scale, based on annual household income.

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The Ocean Community YMCA offers financial assistance to ensure that no one is turned away due to financial limitations. Funding is made possible through donations given to our Annual Campaign. Anyone wishing to contribute to the YMCA should contact their local Branch.

### Instructions:

1. The participant or parent/guardian must complete the attached financial assistance application.
  - Any income listed under the Monthly Income section must have supporting documentation. Applicants must provide their **most recent year 1040 tax return**, as well as any of the applicable supporting documents listed below:
    - **most recent W-2 statement**
    - **Copy of benefits Determination letters (for Cash Aid, SNAP, Free Lunch, SSI, SSDI, etc.)**
    - **Child support payment statements**
    - **Unemployment payment statements**
    - **Current, consecutive, paystubs from the last month.**

Attach all necessary supporting documents. The YMCA will not process an incomplete application. Additional documents may be requested. Scholarship amounts are based on **all household income**. If anyone in the household is working or receives income in any form, documentation for that income is required.

2. Please sign and return to your local Ocean Community YMCA addressed to the Membership Department.
3. Applications must be submitted **30 days** prior to the start of any programs or camp.
4. If applying for Y Cares Financial Assistance for Camp or School's Out, you will be asked to submit an application with Care 4 Kids (CT) or DHS (RI). Proof of an award or denial must be presented to the YMCA before a scholarship can be issued.
5. Members/Program participants need to re-apply annually for YCares Financial Assistance with the most recent financial information
6. YCares Membership will automatically terminate after one year unless re-applied with updated financial information and approved.

Once all the proper information has been received with a signed application, the YMCA will process the financial assistance request and notify the applicant by mail in approximately 30 days. It is the responsibility of the awardees to set up their Memberships at the Welcome Center, once notice of the award has been mailed. Please see a YMCA Welcome Center Team Member with any questions.

Please note: Y Cares financial assistance cannot be applied to private swim, personal training, facility rentals, birthday parties, private ice skating lessons, or certification courses.

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All Documents?	Y or N
Member Unit ID	

## Ocean Community YMCA Financial Assistance Application

Today's Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_      \_\_\_ New      \_\_\_ Renewal

Primary Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Occupation/Length of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

YMCA Membership Desired (Select one):

- Youth (0-12)     
  Teen (13-17)     
  Young Adult (18-22)  
 Adult (23-64)     
  One-Adult Family     
  Two-Adult Family  
 Senior (65+)     
  Senior Couple (both 65+)

Add-on:

- Camp\*  
*\*must have an active Y Cares membership*  
 <--- Select type

Please list all additional people living in your household:

Name	Birth Date	Gender	Relationship	Employer/School

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We believe that a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed if the recipient contributes to the cost of his/her YMCA involvement. For this reason, all applicants are asked to pay a portion of the fees involved.

Monthly Income: Total amount of monthly income **before** deductions.

Gross wages, salary, and tips	\$
Unemployment compensation	\$
Social Security Income	\$
Child Support Income	\$
Public Assistance Documentation (SNAP/TANF)	\$
Retirement Income (Pensions, etc.)	\$
LES, Non-taxable Income (for Military Families)	\$
Other Pay (Bonus, Consulting, etc.)	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

Are you a current member of the OCYMCA? (Circle)      Yes                  No

Is there any other information you would like to provide about your situation?

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Would you be willing to share your story about how getting involved with the Y impacts your life?

(Circle)                  Yes                  No



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I hereby certify that I have completed all the information requested within this application form. I certify that all information supplied is true, accurate, and that there is no misrepresentation or omission.

I further understand that this application does not constitute acceptance by the YMCA, and that I will be notified as to whether my application for financial assistance has been approved or denied.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

Thank you!

Please bring your completed application to the Welcome Center. You will be contacted by mail regarding your acceptance and award amount.

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