

Smithville PARD Youth Scholarship Program Information and Application Form

The Smithville Parks and Recreation Department Youth Scholarship Program provides financial aid for eligible City of Smithville youth, who are without the financial means, and opportunity to participate in most Parks and Recreation programs.

What Assistance does the Program Provide?

• Up to 50 percent off early registration costs for Smithville Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) youth programs.

Who qualifies for the Program?

• Households who qualify for SISD free/reduced school lunches.

How do you apply for Financial Assistance?

- Fill out the application.
- Include a copy of the school free/reduced lunch letter and a copy of a valid ID with your application.
- Return application to Smithville PARD 106 Royston St Smithville, TX 78957

Guidelines and Criteria

- Scholarship money is awarded on a first come/first served basis and application and approval does not register your child in the program.
- Upon scholarship approval, funding is not guaranteed; scholarship is awarded as registrations occur.
- Maximum amount given per calendar year will be \$100/child (pending funding availability).
 Scholarships will be granted only if funds are available. At this time we will limit 1 scholarship per family.
- Scholarship will not be awarded to any account with a past due balance.
- Failure to attend an activity or program that has been paid through the scholarship program without proper notice may jeopardize future scholarship funding for the family. Upon the second no show in one-year (Jan 1-Dec 31) scholarship will end, recipient will not be allowed to participate in program and the household will no longer be eligible for further scholarships.
- We understand that from time to time families may encounter some unforeseen and unfortunate circumstances, emotionally or financially. If you feel you are in need of scholarship assistance, but do not meet the income guidelines, please attach a letter to your application form stating your circumstances. These are special circumstances and will be handled on a case by case basis.
- Smithville Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to verify all information contained on the application form in order to grant, deny or revoke any scholarship monies.
- Questions should be directed to the Smithville Parks and Recreation office, 512-237-3282 x7.
- In the event the participant cancels or withdraws from the class, program or camp the scholarship funding is void and not transferable.
- If denied scholarship the Rec. Center will honor early registration rate if still able to enroll.

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- The school letter and copy of a valid ID are the only documents to include with your application.
- Make sure the application is readable (please PRINT) and complete. Non legible applications may be delayed in approval.
- Use a street address. No P.O. boxes.
- Your email address will be used to send program information.
- Complete a separate application for youth at different addresses.
- Because scholarship funds are limited and come from community donations, households with current City of Smithville employees will not be considered. – (Households with former/retired City employees can still apply.)

Smithville Parks and Recreation Youth Scholarship Application

Applications must be completed and received in the Parks and Recreation Department office located at 106 Royston St. Smithville, TX 78957 prior to the last day of early registration. Applications are normally reviewed within 7 business days. Approval or denial information will go out after the review period along with any further information.

PLEASE PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: PARTICIPANT NAME: DATE OF BIRTH: MALE OR FEMALE ADDRESS: CITY: ZIP CODE: BEST CONTACT #: OTHER# **EMAIL: EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME & NUMBER:** Acknowledgement of Correct Information: I acknowledge that the information contained on this application is accurate and correct. I hereby give permission to the Smithville Parks and Recreation Department to verify this information. I understand that if any information on this application form is found to be incorrect, my privileges of applying for scholarship funding could be revoked. I understand that I must provide income and resident information as required to qualify for scholarship. I understand that approval for Scholarship funding DOES NOT GUARANTEE scholarship funding; money is distributed upon my return for registration and I have READ the Guidelines and Criteria for the Scholarship program. Signature of Parent/Guardian: _______Date: ___ For Office use only, Applicant does not complete INTAKE STAFF: Receipt date: Photo ID School District Letter for Free or Reduced Hot Lunch Staff Printed name YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION: Request is: Approved Denied Notified Date_____ ☐ Class Adjustments Made & Date:

Signature of Parks and Recreation Manager _______Date _____