

Southington – Cheshire Community YMCAs Summer Camp Financial Assistance Program

We are in the process of accepting financial assistance applications for summer camp beginning **January 2nd**, **2025** until the deadline of **May 1st**, **2025**, however, applications will be reviewed continually until funds are exhausted.

We only accept **Care 4 Kids** at our **Naciwonki Summer Adventures** childcare program at the Southington YMCA. New Care 4 Kids applications and parent provider agreements are due no later than **30 days before** the start of the first session your child is attending. Please contact us for the paperwork by **May 1**st if you plan on applying. You will not be eligible for YMCA financial assistance unless you have submitted the proper paperwork to apply for Care 4 Kids.

- 1. If you would like to be considered, you must complete ALL of the MANDATORY information attached: YOU MUST BE A RESIDENT OF SOUTHINGTON or CHESHIRE.
 - Proof of residency
 - A Financial Assistance Application completed in its entirety
 - A Copy of the most CURRENT YEARS' Federal Tax Return
 - Copies of four most recent pay stubs for **ALL** income producing members of the household
 - Supplemental Income: Official documentation showing proof of **ANY** type income you or other adults in your household receive during the year.
 - A **mandatory** Camp Improvement Fee for each child. This is a one-time yearly fee per child and must be paid at the time of registration.
 - Please refer to the checklist on Page 5 of the YMCA Financial Assistance Application.
- 2. *Parents/Guardians are required to register their child for all camp sessions and pay a minimum \$25 deposit per session per child in order to hold their spots while financial assistance is being determined. Registration for each child must be completed online through Camp Brain:

Camp Sloper - <u>https://ymcacampsloper.campbrainregistration.com/</u> Camp Quinnipiac - <u>https://ymcacampquinnipiac.campbrainregistration.com/</u> Naciwonki Summer Adventures - <u>https://ymcacampnaciwonki.campbrainregistration.com/</u>

Exceptions will be made on an individual basis to set up payment arrangements for deposits and camp improvement fees, but you must contact us prior to submitting your application. Once you have added your contact information, child/children's information, selected the sessions you'd like them to attend and get to the payment section, keep everything added to your cart and please stop there (**the only exception for this process is during Sloper opening weekend (2/1-2/2) where you will choose the payment plan option designated for Financial Assistance Families Only at checkout).* Then you can call either Brittney or Tara to let us know you're ready to submit your application and we can finish entering your payment method and custom payment plan with you on the phone.

3. Submit your application by email, fax, mail, or return it in an addressed envelope to "*Brittney or Tara in Accounting*" to the front desk at the Southington or Cheshire YMCA. Once your completed application package is received, we will review it and email you to confirm receipt. All applications are reviewed and processed in the order of the date received. Application processing time is 2-4 weeks. *If there are any missing items, it will cause a delay in your application being processed. We will notify you by email if there are any missing items and your application will be placed at the back of the line. Once your financial assistance award is approved, we will email you the final amount you are awarded for the camp season. Then please contact us to set up your final payment plan. We offer weekly, biweekly, or monthly equal installment options. If you plan to make your payments online, we require*

you to have a valid card or bank account on file and a signed agreement from you stating your full payment schedule of when you plan to pay, payment method and confirmation. *Please note if payments do not go through on the scheduled date, we will try to process the payment again on the day it was scheduled. Or if the payment date was on a weekend we will run the payment on the next Monday from the original payment date. If the payment still does not process we will contact you and after 3 attempts with no response, your services will be temporarily suspended and any balance must be paid before returning to camp.*

United Way of Greater Waterbury Camperships are also available for **YMCA Camp Sloper** and **Camp Quinnipiac.** You may be eligible if you are a resident of Bethlehem, Cheshire, Middlebury, Prospect, Southbury, Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott, or Woodbury and meet the applicable federal income guidelines. *Please contact us for a separate application to apply.*

Most of the answers to common camp questions are online and in each brochure. Please go online to our day camp link for more information by visiting: <u>https://www.sccymca.org/summer-fun</u>

Lending a Helping Hand

Financial assistance is not a hand-out, but a helping hand. Requests for assistance always exceed the dollars available, therefore, we ask that each applicant honestly assess their need and complete the application truthfully. Assistance is a temporary agreement and extended only in a time of need and could change from year to year. The percentage of financial assistance awarded is **valid for one year** or 365 days.

All financial assistance applications will be reviewed periodically. Each recipient will pay a portion of the fee based on the specific need of the individual or family.

Please remember that financial assistance is distributed on a "first come, first serve basis" and is subject to the availability of funds. Our decisions are made carefully using the guidelines of the YMCA of the USA. The assistance is based on gross income of the household, number of dependents and extenuating circumstances.

Where does our funding come from?

We count on the generosity of our members and partners to keep our doors open to whoever needs a place to go to help them be healthier, confident, connected and secure. This is not just a gym; it is a community.

Funds for financial assistance are made possible through generous financial contributions of our members, friends and corporate contributors to our Annual Support Campaign.

Our Mission

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have. We look forward to working with you and your family.

Sincerely,

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Branch Name	
Date Received	
All Documents Received	

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The Southington – Cheshire Community YMCAs strives to make our programs and membership available to all, regardless of their ability to pay. We use the guidelines provided by the YMCA of the USA to carefully make our decisions on assistance. Our funds for financial assistance are made possible through generous financial contributions of our members, friends and corporate contributors to our Annual Support Campaign.

ALL INFORMATION IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Current Status (Please check one)

- □ I am not currently receiving any YMCA financial assistance.
- □ I am currently receiving YMCA financial assistance and this application is for:
 - Renewal
 - □ Request of another program

Requesting financial assistance for:

- □ Membership: Family membership/# of adults ____OR
- □ Youth membership/# of children____
- Camp: ____Camp Sloper / ____Camp Quinnipiac / ____Naciwonki Summer Adventures

Primary Adult Application: _____

Home Address:	City:			Zip:
Phone Number:	(choose one) Home	Cell	Work	
Email:				
Employer:	Occupation:			

Is your home a one-adult household? (choose one) Yes No Not Applicable

*If Applying for childcare – please inform us of your schedule. Your employer must sign off. *

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
In Time							
Out Time							

Employer's Signature:	Date:	
Employer's Title:		

City:		Zip:	
_ (choose one) Home	Cell	Work	
Occupation:			
e inform us of your sched	ule. Your er	mployer must sign	off. *
	City: _ (choose one) Home Occupation:	_ (choose one) Home Cell Occupation:	City: Zip: _ (choose one) Home Cell Work

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Employer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Employer's Title: ______

Required *List the names of every member in your Household

Name	Employer or School & Grade	Birthdate	Relationship to Primary Applicant

Please itemize ALL of your "gross" annual household income. (before taxes) Documentation is required.

INCOME SOURCE	Your Income \$	Other's Income \$
Salary, wages, and tips	\$	\$
Unemployment compensation	\$	\$
Social Security compensation	\$	\$
Child Support and or/Alimony	\$	\$
SNAP Benefits	\$	\$
401(k) Retirement	\$	\$
Student loan/grant income/tuition assistance	\$	\$
Rental/Housing assistance	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$

Please assess your needs honestly. How much can you afford to pay per camp session including extended care if needed:

(MUST BE ANSWERED FOR REVIEW) \$_____

Please share why you are applying for financial assistance and include as much detail as possible:

Submit your completed Financial Assistance Application with the following mandatory items:

- □ ENTIRE copy of the most CURRENT YEARS' Federal Tax Return (1040 plus schedules) for **ALL** income producing members of the household (NO summary pages)
- □ Copies of **FOUR** of your most current paystubs
- □ A signed letter from your employer with their title and contact information stating your wages/rate of pay and hours worked (include bonuses and tips if applicable)
- Copies of ALL applicable supporting documentation listed in the above annual salary line items: Unemployment, State Assistance, Social Security, Disability Income, SNAP benefits, Housing Assistance, Retirement Income, Self-Employment Income/1099, Student Loan Assistance, Scholarships/Grants, Child Support, Alimony, etc.
- Proof of Residency a rental/lease agreement, mortgage statement, utility bill, or signed letter from the owner of the residence you where live with their contact information
- □ Check here if you do not file a federal tax return based on federal government income guidelines

*Please note if any of the listed items do not accompany your financial aid application it could delay the determination process and your application will be moved to the bottom of the list. Please check your email or SPAM folder and be on the lookout for any email correspondence. *

I hereby declare that the information on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I grant permission to the YMCA to verify this information and understand if it is not accurate, my application may be denied and any offer of financial assistance withdrawn. I agree to notify the YMCA if my financial status should change.

Signature of Applicant

Date

MISSION:

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. The YMCA is a non-profit 501 C 3 organization.