



Scholarship Program

The West Chicago Park District Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance to residents of the West Chicago Park District in need, to enable them to participate in our District's programs and/or facilities.

Based on the availability of funds, the West Chicago Park District will attempt to provide financial assistance to those who meet the eligibility requirements. Assistance will be based on need and availability of funds. Funds will be awarded on a first come-first served basis. The West Chicago Park District reserves the right to approve or deny an applicant's request.

Requirements

- Financial Assistance is only available to residents who reside within the West Chicago Park District boundaries.
- The West Chicago Park District utilizes the guidelines for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program set forth by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) as a basis for approval or denial. A link to IDHS guidelines can be found on our website.
- The scholarship application must be filled out completely and returned with all required proper documentation. Scholarship applications can be dropped off at the ARC Center's front desk, mailed in, or emailed to info@we-goparks.org. Submittal of application does not constitute approval. Please allow 7 business days to process your request.
- A new application is required annually in concurrence with the West Chicago Park District's fiscal year; May 1 through April 30. All awarded scholarship funds will expire on April 30 of each year.
- Applicants must fully utilize the program or membership they registered for. Applicants not fully utilizing the program/membership will not be allowed scholarship money in the future.
- Scholarship criteria and guidelines are subject to change without notification.

Scholarship Funds

- Scholarship funds can cover up to 50% of the cost of a *Program/Membership* or *Childcare Program*. Participants will be responsible for the remaining cost of at the time of registration.
- Scholarship funds cannot be utilized for Rentals, Birthday Parties, Daily Admission, Open Gym or Ticketed Events.
- The maximum scholarship amount for the *Program/Membership* and *Childcare Program* option is \$400 per household, per year.
- Scholarship funds cannot be applied for monthly EFT payments for memberships or programs.
- If approved for the *childcare program* option, a processing fee and required participant information paperwork is due at the time of registration for the following programs: Before/After School, Summer Camp, Keppler Learning Center. Registration must take place by the specific program's deadline.



Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address (City, State, Zip): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Marital Status: (Select One) Single Married Widowed Divorced Separated

Housing Status: (Select One) Homeowner Rent Living w/ family/friends
 Other (please describe): _____

Scholarship Type Requested: (Select one. Cannot be altered once application is submitted)

- Program/Membership
- Childcare program (circle desired program(s): Before/After School, Summer Camp, or Keppler Learning Center)

Please list names and ages of all dependents in the household including Spouse/Partner

*Dependent's First Name	Dependent's Last Name	Date of Birth	*Grade and Name of School	Relationship to Applicant

* Dependents must be legally defined as such.
 * Grade in School and Name of School must be listed for school aged children

Document Verification

Copies of all documents must be included with application. Applications without required documentation will be returned via USPS.

Residency

Choose One: Option A or B

Option A (please select one item from below)	Option B (please select two items from below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid Driver's License with your West Chicago Address <input type="checkbox"/> Valid State-Issued ID with your West Chicago Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration Card <input type="checkbox"/> Tax bill <input type="checkbox"/> Current Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Home Phone Bill <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Bill

Income

Choose One: Option A, B, or C

	OPTION A
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Most recent SNAP/TANF award letter (Note: All dependents listed on your application must also be listed on SNAP/TANF award letter)

	OPTION B
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Most recent Federal tax return (Note: Children must be listed as dependents)

	OPTION C (both sides required)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Guardianship (Provide one for each child) <input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Court ordered letter awarding guardianship <input type="checkbox"/> Student Record	Proof of Income (Provide all available) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 month of paycheck stubs for all qualifying individuals <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment compensation <input type="checkbox"/> Child support <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security/Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Current link statement <input type="checkbox"/> Other sources of income

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Scholarship Status:

- Approved
- Declined (Reason) _____

Signature of approving Representative _____ Date _____