



Camp Speers YMCA

Financial Assistance Application

Instructions, Frequently Asked Questions & Application Form



At the Y, we believe that everyone in our community should have the opportunity to benefit from our programs and services. Our Financial Assistance Program is central to our mission in our serving our communities' needs. This program offers assistance with program fees to fit the individual financial situation.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

If you would like to apply for financial assistance, there are four components to your application. Please submit items 1 and 2 online. Items 3 and 4 must be complete and submitted via email to campers@philaymca.org

1. Online Registration

Complete the online registration for each child that you would like to attend camp. Financial assistance is available for up to 4 Day Camp Weeks or 2 Overnight Camp Weeks.

2. Online Deposit

A deposit is required for each session of camp. You may pay the deposit by credit/debit card online.

3. Financial Assistance Application

Follow the directions carefully. Only one application is required per family.

4. Income Verification

You must provide your most current tax return **or** W2 for each adult in the household.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How is assistance calculated?

Financial assistance for membership & programs is calculated using the poverty scale for income.

How long will assistance continue?

Your previous financial assistance will not be applied automatically. Your financial assistance is valid for two years from day of registration. If you applied last year, please register your child for camp and contact campers@philaymca.org so your application can be reviewed.

Who will see the financial information?

All information is confidential and will only be reviewed by the Camp Speers YMCA Leadership Team.

Who provides funding for the Financial Assistance Program?

The Y Financial Assistance Program is possible through the generosity of donors to our Annual Campaign. All money raised through our Campaign goes directly to provide assistance through our Financial Assistance Program. Camp Speers is also fortunate enough to have a large alumni base who donates towards our Campership Fund.

How early should I apply?

The earlier, the better. Sessions can fill quickly and financial assistance funds are limited. Please apply as soon as you are able to provide all four of the components listed in the "Application Process." **Applications for financial assistance will not be processed after May 1st.**

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. If you receive funding from another organization, your awarded financial assistance will be applied to the remaining balance on your account. Financial assistance can be awarded up to 50% of program fee.

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

If the program that you are interested in is already full, you can choose to be waitlisted but you are encouraged to choose another session that is available. Sessions fill quickly and do not always get more allotted spaces.

Will my deposit be refunded if my camper does not attend the program that s/he is registered for?

Deposits are nonrefundable. Except for your deposit, all other advanced payments are refundable if written notice of cancellation is received by the registrar by June 1st. We cannot reduce fees for late arrivals or early departures. In the case of homesickness, dismissal, or voluntary withdrawal during the session, fees cannot be refunded.

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 your camper is registered, the total charges, and the amount of financial assistance being awarded. The Camp Speers staff will automatically adjust your chosen payment plan to reduce your monthly payments.

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

So that we are able to give as many kids as possible the opportunity to attend camp, we are only able to award financial assistance toward two weeks of Overnight Camp (either one two-week session or two one-week sessions). Financial assistance is available for up to 4 weeks of Day Camp.

What if I'm unable to pay my balance by the June 1st deadline?

We can work with you to set up a payment plan that will ensure your balance is paid by the time your camper's session starts. To set up a payment plan, please contact the Camp Office at 570-828-2329. Again, the earlier you call us to establish a payment plan, the better.

How will applying for financial assistance affect my camper's experience?

Receiving financial assistance will have no effect on your camper's experience. Financial assistance is anonymous, and camp staff and campers are not told who is or is not receiving financial assistance.

Can I combine the financial assistance with the sibling discount?

No, a discount cannot be combined with financial assistance. We would be happy to apply the option with the biggest value to you.

Questions or Concerns?

Please contact Camp Speers YMCA at 570-828-2329 or campspeers@philaymca.org.



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Yes, my household receives _____% Financial Assistance toward BASE/SACC, Day Camp, Childcare from the _____ branch of the Greater Philadelphia YMCA. If you answered yes, you only need to complete only Sections 1, 2, and 4. Please submit with your completed registration and session deposit(s).

If you do not receive financial assistance from a branch of the Greater Philadelphia YMCA, please proceed with the entire application as outlined below. Submit this application and income documents in PDF or JPEG format to campers@philaymca.org.			
Section 1. PARENT OR GUARDIAN (or Primary if over 18)			
Legal First Name	MI	Legal Last Name	
2nd Adult in Household Legal First Name	MI	Legal Last Name	
Mailing/Street Address	Apt	City/State	Zip
Best Contact Phone Number	Email Address (REQUIRED)		
Section 2. ASSISTANCE REQUEST			
Participant's/Child's Legal First Name	MI	Participant's/Child's Legal Last Name	
2nd Participant's/Child's Legal First Name	MI	Participant's/Child's Legal Last Name	
3rd Participant's/Child's Legal First Name	MI	Participant's/Child's Legal Last Name	
Program Choice	<input type="checkbox"/> Overnight Camp <input type="checkbox"/> Day Camp		
Section 3. INCOME VERIFICATION			
Household Income	Applicant	2nd Adult (if applicable)	
Gross Household Monthly Income (before taxes)	\$	\$	
Number of Adults supported by above income: _____ Number of Children supported by above income: _____			
<p>Provide ONE of the following documents:</p> <p>a. Most recent Tax Return for EACH adult living in the home</p> <p>b. Most recent W2 for each adult living in the home</p> <p><i>**Families who cannot provide any documentation of income may not be considered for financial assistance.</i></p>			
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: _____			