



## YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

# How Can My Child Participate In the Scholarship Program?

### Overview

The City of Peoria Community Services Department offers recreation programs which are supported by user fees paid by participants for each program in which they register. The Community Services Department is committed to making its programs accessible and affordable to all the citizens of Peoria. The Youth Scholarship Program enables the Community Services Department to fulfill this commitment.

### Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for reduced fees, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the participant must meet the following guidelines:

1. Participate in a state or federal assistance program:
  - Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Supplemental Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
  - Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)
  - Reduced Lunch Program/Free Lunch Program
  - Subsidized Housing (HUD)
  - Department of Economic Security (DES)
  - State Foster Care Program

### OR

2. Annual Income within federal HUD low-income guidelines.

### GUIDELINES

- ◆ Four requests per youth per calendar year or \$150 per youth per calendar year.

- ◆ Scholarships are for youth, ages 18 and younger.
- ◆ The Youth Scholarship Program is limited to City of Peoria residents only.
- ◆ All participants in the Youth Scholarship Program must pay a minimum of \$5 per program to be registered.
- ◆ Scholarships are issued for registration fees only, all supplies and other costs are the participant's responsibility.
- ◆ Parents whose annual income falls within federal HUD low income guidelines will be considered for scholarships in the following increments: 20%, 40%, 60% & 80%
- ◆ Documentation of guardianship, participation in a state or federal assistance program and/or annual income must be supplied before a scholarship may be awarded. Documentation for annual income must be from the previous year's Federal and State income with attached W-2 wage statement tax forms. Documentation is valid for one calendar year (January –December).
- ◆ Peoria Youth Scholarships are not available for DES funded programs such as the AM/PM Program and Summer Camp. Contact DES at (623) 846-1046 to find out more information on how to apply for assistance through their agency.
- ◆ Special cases will be reviewed on an individual basis.
- ◆ Programs/Classes may be cancelled due to low enrollment. In addition, there is limited availability in some programs/classes due to registration levels.

