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JAMESTOWN PARKS & RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Jamestown Parks and Recreation Department has established a scholarship program to provide access to our programs and activities to moderate and low income families/individuals regardless of their financial status.

Do I qualify?

Scholarships are available to Jamestown residents or students based on income, housing status, employment status, health needs, or other documented need basis.

•**Income-Based Eligibility:** Low or moderate-income status as defined by Department of Treasury or local government guidelines. Proof of enrollment in income-based assistance programs, such as free or reduced lunch, SNAP, WIC, or LIHEAP.

•**Housing Status:** Residency in Section 8 housing or other subsidized housing programs. Homelessness or risk of homelessness, with documentation from a recognized organization or social service agency.

•**Employment Status:** Currently unemployed or underemployed (defined as working fewer hours or earning significantly less than the local median wage). Eligibility for workforce development or retraining programs.

•**Health-Related Need:** Enrollment in Medicaid or other health-related assistance programs indicating financial need. Disability status that limits employment or increases financial hardship.

What scholarships are available?

Program or activity scholarships are available in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 per calendar year for each recipient. If you require assistance beyond the \$500.00 limit, please provide a description in the additional details section.

Scholarships are available for any program staffed by the Recreation Department. Examples include: Summer Rec Camp, Recreational Basketball, and Teen Center Clubs/Activities. Programs that involve an independent contractor are dealt with on an individual basis.

When and how are scholarships awarded?

Scholarships are awarded on a rolling, case by case basis dependent on available funds. Scholarships for our Summer Rec Camp must be received by May 31st to be considered in the first round of awards, additional scholarships may be available after this date depending on available funding.

Please reach out and we will discuss options available to you.

To apply for a scholarship, please complete the following:

- A. Complete and attach the scholarship form on page two.
- B. Attach proof of eligibility as outlined above.
- C. Attach proof of residency or proof of enrollment in a Jamestown school. If applying for a Jamestown Student, please fill out the Information Release Form on Page 3.
- D. You must submit a new form each time you are applying for a scholarship and for each individual you are applying for.

