



# YMCA CAMPS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GUIDE

At the YMCA we want to make sure that all children and youth have an opportunity to benefit from a YMCA camp experience. The YMCA offers subsidies and extended payment plans to assist you if your financial circumstances would otherwise prevent you from affording summer camp.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Who is eligible to receive financial assistance?**

Families whose financial circumstances make them unable to pay the full fee for their children's camping program.

### **What camps can the YMCA Camps help subsidize?**

YMCA can help subsidize programs at Camp Elphinstone, Camp Howdy and Camp DeKa. You may apply for one session of residential camp or two sessions of day camp per child. We are unable to subsidize bus fees, family night fees or the Women's Weekend.

### **Is it possible to attend Camp for free?**

No. Every family must pay a portion of the fee themselves, even if they are eligible for ministry or other outside funding.

### **How does the YMCA determine how much I pay?**

Each family needs to contribute as much as they can afford and families are welcome to make monthly payments to help manage the cost. The amount of assistance will vary depending on income and cannot be determined without going through the application process.

### **What if I'm already receiving subsidy from another division of the YMCA?**

If you are currently receiving subsidy from another division of the YMCA, such as a membership centre, you can still apply to YMCA Camps for financial assistance. As long as the account you currently have is in good standing you will automatically be eligible to receive the same level of assistance (i.e. if you receive a 30% subsidy for membership we will give you a 30% subsidy for camp).

### **Where does the money come from?**

Our subsidy program is supported by individuals, service groups and business that donate to YMCA Camps.

### **If I receive subsidy through the financial assistance program what is expected of me?**

Applying for subsidy requires a commitment of completing your payments as determined during the application process. We must receive your fully completed application in order to process it.

### **If I have received subsidy from the YMCA in the past can I apply again?**

Yes. It is however our goal that, if possible, you continue to contribute more towards the camp fee each year.

### **Is my application kept confidential?**

Yes. Your application and financial documents are kept confidential. Your application is managed exclusively by the Camps Registrar who will contact you once your application has been received and reviewed.

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the enclosed application form and ensure that you include proof of your family's income.
2. Complete a camp registration form for each child including your preferred payment method (nothing will be charged to you until your application is approved).
3. You can fax or mail your completed application to YMCA Camps or you may drop the application off in person at our Vancouver office.
4. Once your application has been reviewed you will receive a call from the Registrar to discuss your payment options. This process can take between 1 to 2 weeks.



### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FORM

YMCA Camps 200-1166 Alberni St Vancouver BC V6E 3Z3 Fax: 604-939-9621

#### PARENT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CHILDREN ATTENDING CAMP

Child 1: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Camp Session Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 2: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Camp Session Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 3: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Camp Session Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FAMILY INCOME

Gross Monthly Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*This is total household income including both yours and your spouse/partner's*

Other Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Includes alimony, child tax credits, social assistance, WCB, etc.*

Total Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### CAMP FEES

Total Camp Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Parent Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*This is the amount you think can afford to pay – you can make monthly payments until Nov 20<sup>th</sup> of the camp year*

Other Subsidy: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Ministry subsidy, school bursary, etc.*

Amount requested from YMCA: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### FAMILY INFORMATION

Has your family received financial assistance from the YMCA in the Past? Yes/No

Is your family currently receiving financial assistance from another division in the YMCA? Yes/No

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people are there in your family? \_\_\_\_\_

#### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

In order for you application to be processed you must ensure all the required information is enclosed:

- Completed Financial Assistance Application Form
- Completed Camp Registration Form(s)
- Completed credit card information or completed PAD form (*No payments will be processed until you receive final approval from the Registrar*)
- Proof of your family's income (*wage stubs, T4 Income Slip, child tax benefits, or a letter of statement from your employer are all eligible documents*)

I would like to apply for YMCA assistance because I am **unable** (not unwilling) to pay the full fee under any of the standard payment options. If my financial circumstances change, I will notify the YMCA to discuss my financial situation. If I fail to make my payments, I understand that my privileges may be suspended and my child may not be permitted to attend camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### YMCA OFFICE USE ONLY

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Arrangements \_\_\_\_\_

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