



Parks & Recreation

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Financial Assistance

Parks and Recreation programming is designed to provide the public with access to healthy, fun recreational activities. Because the Parks and Recreation Division recognizes that participants may each have different financial means to contribute towards their participation in Parks and Recreation programs, the Division provides fee assistance to reduce financial barriers to participation for Duluth residents.

Individuals and Families

Fee assistance participation may be available to any Duluth resident in need. To qualify for assistance, applicants must affirm that they are Duluth residents. One member of the household must meet one of the criteria listed below for everyone in the household to be eligible to receive financial assistance:

- School Free and reduced lunch program
- Housing Authority (HUD) Section 8 Rent Subsidy
- Medicare or Medicaid
- County financial assistance (SNAP, Emergency or Medical Assistance, Unemployment)
- Social Security Disability

Should a household not meet any of the above criteria and still identify a need for financial assistance, such assistance may be approved on a case by case basis by the Parks and Recreation Manager or their designee.

The amount of fee assistance provided to each participant is limited per calendar year to:

- Up to \$300 per participant for qualifying programs
- Once recipients meet \$300 limit, then up to 50% off all other qualifying programs

Fee assistance is eligible for programs including but not limited to: skating program punch card, play gym punch card, out-of-school time programs, day camps, general recreation programs such as archery, outdoor skills, hikes, fishing programs, and more. Fee assistance is not eligible for facility rentals, permits, or programs coordinated by community groups.

Groups and Organizations

To qualify for group programming fee assistance applicants must affirm, one, that they are located in the City of Duluth, and two, are eligible for one of the following benefits:

- More than 30% of participants in the School Free and Reduced Lunch program
- Designated non-profit agency or public entity

Fee assistance provides a financial benefit for groups by reducing recreation program fees 50 percent off up to three (3) qualifying programs per agency per year.

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