

**South Kingstown Parks and Recreation**  
**2016-2017 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

South Kingstown Parks and Recreation has established a scholarship program to provide moderate and low - income families with the opportunity for discounted fees for programs offered by our department.

- ❖ **Do I qualify?:** Scholarships are available to South Kingstown youth who qualify for the School Department's free or reduced lunch program. Scholarships are not available for non-residents.
- ❖ **What discounts are available?:** Families on the reduced lunch program are entitled to a 20% discount on class registration fees. Families on the free lunch program are entitled to a 40% discount on class registration fees. In extreme cases, the Director of Leisure Services has the authority to waive additional registration fees.
- ❖ **Is there a maximum amount of scholarship monies available?:** Each eligible participant shall be limited to a MAXIMUM of \$250.00 per year, September 1 – August 31.
- ❖ **Of all the programs offered, which ones can I receive a scholarship for?:** Scholarships are available for any program run by the Recreation Department. Examples include: Discovery Camp, Extreme Adventure Camp, Recreational Basketball and Vacation Camps. Programs that involve an independent contractor are dealt with on an individual basis after you have submitted an application.

**Scholarship Application Process:**

Complete the following:

- The appropriate program registration form.
- The scholarship application (one for each child that is applying for financial aid)
- An updated medical form for each child if you do not have a current one on file as of May 1, 2016.
- Attach proof of participation in the South Kingstown School Department's reduced/ free lunch program, which you must get from your child's school.

Once your paperwork is submitted you will be contacted in 3 business days or less after your application has been reviewed. Please submit paperwork at least 3 business days before the start of your program so that there is sufficient time to process it. It is your responsibility to put in paperwork in advance if you are worried about a particular class filling up. You do not have a slot in the program until after you are approved and payment is received. If you are approved, you have until 12:00 pm on the Friday before your camp/class starts to bring in payment. You are not registered for the respective program until we receive payment.

You must submit a new form each time you are applying for a scholarship. Your form indicating your participation in the free/reduced lunch program will be kept on file for the current school year.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Free or Reduced Lunch (please circle)

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/ Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Town Zip Code

Phone: (1st) \_\_\_\_\_ (2nd) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Program child is registering for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please initial on the line:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand I am not enrolled into the program until all my paperwork is approved and payment is made.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I am on a payment plan, payments must be made on time and no later than 12:00 pm on the Friday before the camp/program that I am paying for begins. Failure to make payments on time, unless otherwise arranged, will result in my removal from the program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I have an absentee\* rate of higher than 10% from any program I am registered for, I jeopardize my future participation in the scholarship program. \* If due to an illness or injury and a Dr. note is provided, this stipulation will be waived.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date