

Everyone Plays Recreation Program Scholarship FAQs

What is it?

The Everyone Plays Recreation Program Scholarship (RPS) is a program that provides tuition assistance for youth recreation programs administered through the NT Department of Youth, Recreation & Parks. The purpose of this program is to help children in families with limited financial resources participate in recreation programs and activities so that cost isn't a barrier to fun!

How does it work?

Applications from individuals who apply for the Everyone Plays RPS will be reviewed and approved by members of the North Tonawanda Youth Board. Approval will be based on meeting household income requirements, and submission of proper supporting documentation. Once the documents have been reviewed and approved, you will be placed in the program and you will receive a credit to be applied to your child's registration fees for specific youth programs.

Who can apply?

A parent or legal guardian of a youth who resides in the City of North Tonawanda that meets the income guidelines listed below.

| Family Size | Monthly Gross Income* | Annual Gross Income* |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | \$1,354 | \$16,248 |
| 2 | \$1,832 | \$21,984 |
| 3 | \$2,311 | \$27,732 |
| 4 | \$2,790 | \$33,480 |
| 5 | \$3,269 | \$39,228 |
| 6 | \$3,748 | \$44,976 |
| 7 | \$4,227 | \$50,724 |
| 8 | \$4,705 | \$56,460 |
| Each additional person | \$479+ | \$5,748 + |

How can I apply?

Obtain an application form from the North Tonawanda Department of Youth, Recreation & Parks (500 Wheatfield Street) or online at www.ntparksrec.com.

What documentation do I need?

You will need to provide a copy of your most recent 1040 tax return OR proof of enrollment/acceptance in either the NYS SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or Free Lunch Program through the NT School District.

What happens once I'm approved?

Once approved you will receive an email with instructions on how to proceed. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come-first-serve basis, and are distributed based on available funds. Individuals must have an online account with the www.ntparksrec.com site. Your account will be credited with an amount no greater than \$50 per child with a maximum of \$150 per household per calendar year. Levels of credit distribution will be determined based on available funds.

Where do the funds come from?

Funds come from fundraising efforts from the NT Youth Board. This includes special events, as well as solicitation of donations from the Everyone Plays "Sponsor a Kid" Program, where individuals give financially to specifically sponsor a child.



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It is our belief that all children should have access to participate in youth sports and programs without cost being a hindrance on whether a family enrolls their child in a specific program. The North Tonawanda Youth Board, in association with the NT Department of Youth, Recreation & Parks has put into place a scholarship program providing funding for low income families to help cover the cost of enrollment in youth programs.

Please fill out the application below and include... Copy of 1040 tax form from most recent year **OR**
Proof of acceptance/enrollment in SNAP or Free Lunch Program

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION: (To be completed by head of household requesting assistance)

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Phone Number** _____

Address: _____, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Email Address: _____

Are you employed: Yes No **Name of Employer** _____

Household MONTHLY gross income \$ _____ **Household YEARLY gross income \$** _____

Are you currently enrolled in the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)? Yes No

Are your children currently enrolled in the Free/Reduced Lunch Program? Yes No

Number of Adults in the household _____ **Number of children (18 & under) in the household** _____

In the space below, list all members that reside in the household, their date of birth, and any youth programs you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in (basketball, softball, soccer, summer camp, swim lessons, etc)

| | Household Members Names (First, Last) | Date of Birth | Interested Program(s) |
|----|--|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. | _____ | _____ | _____ |

I certify that all of the information provided on this form is true and accurate. I understand that this information will only be used for the review and authorization of youth program assistance, and understand that the information provided will be verified as part of the acceptance of the application. Any deliberate misrepresentation of the information may result in denial of future scholarship enrollment.

Signature _____ Date _____

Office USE ONLY Copy of 1040 tax return Proof of SNAP Proof of Free Program Enrollment