



Greater Lowell Family YMCA

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Financial Assistance Policy

Introduction: It is the position of the Greater Lowell Family YMCA that all of its membership and program services are open to everyone regardless of age, income, ability, race, or religion. In those instances where the cost of Membership or program may prevent an individual or family from participating, the Y will, based on available resources, offer financial assistance as specified by the following Financial Assistance Policy:

1. Those applicants qualify for assistance based on income and size of family.
2. That assistance not exceed **(50 %)** of the total cost for the membership program service being considered.
3. The applicants must reapply for membership and program assistance on an annual basis.
4. That the amount of financial assistance being offered not exceeds the resources the YMCA has to fund it.
5. **Should the applicant fail to pay two consecutive payments, the assistance will automatically terminate and the applicant will need to reapply.**

Eligibility: Financial assistance is provided to applicants who meet the minimum requirements, which are set by the Association and reviewed annually. Both family size and annual income are considered when determining eligibility. All applicants will be required to submit their last tax return and proof of current salary. In the case of SSI or SSDI, a copy of the latest benefit will be required. A mortgage receipt or copy of tenant agreement must also be supplied.

Sliding Scale: The amount of assistance applicants qualify for is determined by a fee scale, which is reviewed annually. The amount of assistance provided on the scale is determined both by need and by the ability of the Y to fund it.

Procedures: Individuals and families may apply for assistance by completing the application and attaching the necessary income verification. Any Membership Representative can assist an applicant after his/her pay scale has been discussed with the Membership Director.