



APPLICATION FOR YMCA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



Please take a moment to complete and forward this form to our
YMCA Membership Services desk.

Information will be reviewed confidentially with Applicant.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Phone: () _____ - _____ Alternate: () _____ - _____ Birth Date: _____
 Address: _____
 Postal Code: _____ Email Address: _____
 Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: () _____ - _____

OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS CURRENTLY RESIDING WITH YOU THAT REQUIRE MEMBERSHIP:

First Name / Last Name	M/F	Birth Date	Age
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Please indicate below , form (s) provided with this application:

- Income Tax—Notice of Assessment, for all family members over 18 years of age (living in the household)
- Statement of Income Support
- Ontario Works Statement
- NCBS—National Child Benefit Supplement
- CDB—Child Disability Benefit

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FA Rate Accepted by Applicant? Y N

Approved Membership Fees: \$ _____ FOR _____ MONTHS _____% of Base Fee

Member Initials: _____ Staff Initials: _____

This application will be held on file with photocopied supporting documents for one month (and destroyed if not activated). To start your membership the first month's fee must be paid in full and a pre-authorized agreement must be completed with a void cheque or credit card for monthly payments.

Comments: _____

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____



YMCA Membership Assistance Program

Who is eligible for the Membership Assistance Program?

At the YMCA, we offer opportunities to all individuals regardless of race, age, sex, creed, ability or economic circumstances. Men, women and children come to the YMCA to grow and develop into happier, more productive people. Regular participation in YMCA membership activities supports a balanced approach to personal growth, health and wellness. Our Membership Assistance program serves those individuals and families who have the greatest need in our community. They are unable, not unwilling, to pay the full fee for a general membership.

How do I qualify?

We will make every effort to accommodate those in greatest need who wish to participate in YMCA programs through a YMCA General Membership. Those in receipt of any of the benefits listed on the front of this form are pre-qualified. Alternatively, we can also make approvals based on a person's Notice of Assessment from Income Tax. If you do not pre-qualify, but feel that you do need assistance, a meeting can be arranged with YMCA staff to look at your current income vs. expenses. It would then be necessary to gather proof of all monthly expenditures for your household (spouse, common-law, supported adult children included) and bring these documents with you to your meeting.

How does the YMCA determine what I can afford to pay?

A YMCA Membership Services Representative will spend time with you discussing your household's current financial circumstance in order to determine a manageable monthly amount. Your fees will be based on your needs, your financial circumstances, and your commitment to using your YMCA membership on a regular basis. We ask that any sponsorship you or your family may be granted, remain confidential.

What if I do not qualify for Membership Assistance?

In rare cases that can happen. Applicants for YMCA Membership Assistance need to make a commitment to participate in YMCA programs as well as make a financial contribution toward their YMCA membership. No one is denied access to a YMCA membership because of an inability to pay, but some decide they are not willing, and decide not to join. Should you have further questions or concerns, please see the Supervisor of Membership Sales and Service, or the General Manager.

How do I renew my membership?

Each year, fee assisted members will be notified in writing approx. 30 days prior to their membership expiring. They will then need to bring in their Notice of Assessment, OW or ODSP statement or similar paperwork to re-determine eligibility for the next twelve months. Should fee assistance no longer be required, please notify us as soon as possible (even during your term) so that others in need may benefit from this program.

How is the Membership Assistance program funded?

The YMCA Membership Assistance Program is funded through our annual YMCA Strong Kids Campaign by individual donors, service clubs and businesses. Should you be interested in making a donation, assisting as a fundraising canvasser, or giving back to the YMCA by volunteering your time, please see a Membership Services Representative.