

Ridgeville Park District Scholarship Policy

(passed 3/9/23)

Purpose:

The intent of the Ridgeville Park District Scholarship Policy is to provide access to Park District programming to park users, regardless of ability to pay, while maintaining a sustainable Park District budget.

As the Ridgeville Park District is a taxpayer-funded district, there is a scholarship priority given to residents of the Park District.

Policy:

Scholarships are available to Park District users based upon need, to be applied towards programming fees. In-district users are eligible for up to a 50% scholarship to be applied towards programming fees. Out-of-district users are eligible for up to a 25% scholarship to be applied towards programming fees.

Users applying for a scholarship will complete a one-time annual scholarship application with the Ridgeville Park District office.

Accepted Documents for Verification of Residency:

- Drivers License
- Voter Registration Card
- Apartment Lease
- Illinois State ID
- Utility Bills Other (residents in transition)

Accepted Documents for Verification of Income:

- Free/Reduced Lunch Letter from the City of Evanston
- Illinois Public Aid documentation that verifies household income & members
- Evanston General Assistance
- Income verification letter
- Current 1040 Federal Income tax return
- W-2 and self-employment
- 1099 Immigration I-20 forms (visa documents)
- Retirement Social Security income
- Social Security Disability (SSI) income
- Unemployment verification
- Non-government assisted child support

To be eligible to receive a scholarship, the grantee household must pay all previous balances owed to the Park District. Scholarship award balances should be paid in full before the start of the desired program. The Park District may arrange a payment plan if requested by the grantee. Applicants can directly petition the Executive Director for additional relief if they believe extenuating circumstances apply.

Application Process:

The Ridgeville Park District will establish an application process to determine eligibility to apply for household scholarships for a calendar year. The process will include an application and income verification.

The Executive Director (or the Director's designee) shall review each application to determine if the applicant meets the eligibility requirements.

All personally identifiable information submitted by an applicant will be destroyed 90 days after Director's determination.

In District Eligibility:

In-district households with an annual household income of 130% of the federal poverty guidelines will be eligible for a 50% scholarship towards Ridgeville Park District programming fees. (Households that are eligible for free lunch for school children).

In-district households with an annual household income of 185% of the federal poverty guidelines will be eligible for a 25% scholarship of Ridgeville Park District programming fees. (Households that are eligible for reduced price lunch for school children).

In-district households with an annual household income at or below the federal poverty guidelines will be eligible for a 50% scholarship towards Ridgeville Park District programming fees.

Out of District Eligibility:

Out-of-district households with annual household income of 130% of the federal poverty guidelines will be eligible for a 25% scholarship of Ridgeville Park District programming fees. (Households that are eligible for free lunch for school children).

Out-of-district households with an annual household income of 185% of the federal poverty guidelines will be eligible for a 12.5% scholarship of Ridgeville Park District programming fees. (Households that are eligible for reduced price lunch for school children).

Out-of-district households with an annual household income below the federal poverty guidelines will be eligible for a 25% scholarship towards Ridgeville Park District programming fees.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES											
Effective from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023											
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES	REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 %					FREE MEALS - 130 %				
		ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
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1	13,590	25,142	2,096	1,048	967	484	17,667	1,473	737	680	340
2	18,310	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652	23,803	1,984	992	916	458
3	23,030	42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820	29,939	2,495	1,248	1,152	576
4	27,750	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988	36,075	3,007	1,504	1,388	694
5	32,470	60,070	5,006	2,503	2,311	1,156	42,211	3,518	1,759	1,624	812
6	37,190	68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	1,324	48,347	4,029	2,015	1,860	930
7	41,910	77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492	54,483	4,541	2,271	2,096	1,048
8	46,630	86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659	60,619	5,052	2,526	2,332	1,166
For each add'l family member, add	4,720	8,732	728	364	336	168	6,136	512	256	236	118
ALASKA											
1	16,990	31,432	2,620	1,310	1,209	605	22,087	1,841	921	850	425
2	22,890	42,347	3,529	1,765	1,629	815	29,757	2,480	1,240	1,145	573
3	28,790	53,262	4,439	2,220	2,049	1,025	37,427	3,119	1,560	1,440	720
4	34,690	64,177	5,349	2,675	2,469	1,235	45,097	3,759	1,880	1,735	868
5	40,590	75,092	6,258	3,129	2,889	1,445	52,767	4,398	2,199	2,030	1,015
6	46,490	86,007	7,168	3,584	3,308	1,654	60,437	5,037	2,519	2,325	1,163
7	52,390	96,922	8,077	4,039	3,728	1,864	68,107	5,676	2,838	2,620	1,310
8	58,290	107,837	8,987	4,494	4,148	2,074	75,777	6,315	3,158	2,915	1,458
For each add'l family member, add	5,900	10,915	910	455	420	210	7,670	640	320	295	148
HAWAII											
1	15,630	28,916	2,410	1,205	1,113	557	20,319	1,694	847	782	391
2	21,060	38,961	3,247	1,624	1,499	750	27,378	2,282	1,141	1,053	527
3	26,490	49,007	4,084	2,042	1,885	943	34,437	2,870	1,435	1,325	663
4	31,920	59,052	4,921	2,461	2,272	1,136	41,496	3,458	1,729	1,596	798
5	37,350	69,098	5,759	2,880	2,658	1,329	48,555	4,047	2,024	1,868	934
6	42,780	79,143	6,596	3,298	3,044	1,522	55,614	4,635	2,318	2,139	1,070
7	48,210	89,189	7,433	3,717	3,431	1,716	62,673	5,223	2,612	2,411	1,206
8	53,640	99,234	8,270	4,135	3,817	1,909	69,732	5,811	2,906	2,682	1,341
For each add'l family member, add	5,430	10,046	838	419	387	194	7,059	589	295	272	136

Child Nutrition Programs Income Eligibility Guidelines (2022-2023)
US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/fr-021622>