



Financial Aid Information

The Framingham Parks & Recreation Department is committed to creating recreational opportunities, preserve open space, manage public athletic fields and parks, and administer recreation programs for the varied population of Framingham. In doing so, the Department is dedicated to making its programs, activities, and special events available to as many citizens as possible. We make every attempt to meet appropriate community based needs that are cost efficient while providing the highest level of participant satisfaction. Many programs are self-supporting, which limits the amount of available aid per program.

The Framingham Parks & Recreation Department has a commitment to providing leisure opportunities to all residents of Framingham regardless of financial status. Financial assistance is available for any Parks & Recreation Department sponsored program. Requests are limited to up to 50% reduction of one program per child each season, or additional at the discretion of the Superintendent of Recreation. A maximum of \$100 per child, per calendar year will be considered.

The Parks & Recreation Department produces seasonal program flyers throughout the calendar year and maintains a web page that includes information on financial aid.

A confidential application can be submitted to the Parks & Recreation Department for review. The applicant may be granted a reduction in fee at the discretion of the Superintendent of Recreation or an authorized designee. Applications must be completed and submitted prior to making full payment for the program. Once received, applications are reviewed using the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Median Family Income Limits (see below) as a guideline for determining the amount of assistance awarded. Online registrations can not be accepted and processed when requesting financial aid. Please register in person or over the phone when requesting financial aid.

Applications must be received no less than two (2) weeks prior to the program starting unless otherwise stated in the registration information. Once the application is received, applicants are contacted via email or phone. Payment plans are also available and can be arranged at the time of registration. Please call (508) 532-5960 for more information.

The following are eligibility requirements:

-Applicant must be a resident of the City of Framingham and/or attend a Framingham public or private school if application is for a student.

-Applicants must meet the criteria set forth in the housing incomes. For the most up to date HUD Income information, please visit www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html

The following steps must be taken to submit a Financial Aid application:

Applications are available at the department web site www.framinghamrec.com .

The application packet includes the forms that are acceptable for review.

Applications must be received no less than two (2) weeks prior to program starting.

Online registration is not available if applying for financial aid. **If registration is completed online, refunds are not available.** Please register in person or by phone.

The application must include the participant name and program/service request. It is the applicant's responsibility to indicate which program assistance is being requested for when registering by phone or in person.

The applicant must pay the balance due no less than five (5) business days prior to the program starting or spot will be forfeited.

Payment plans can be arranged with individuals who cannot pay a program fee in one sum. This option will be designed on a case by case basis by the Superintendent of Recreation in conjunction with the applicant.

Decisions regarding assistance are processed and registrants are notified via email. The requests are processed on a rolling admission unless otherwise noted with specific programs and services.

Granting of assistance is based on low/moderate income status and any extenuating circumstances. Applications must include all family members residing in the household in order to process accurately.

The Superintendent of Recreation or an authorized designee reviews all requests and grants scholarships based on individual circumstances. All such conversations are confidential.

All program/service requirements must be followed. All required forms, waivers, equipment and/or payments must be accurate and up to date.

Any recipient awarded financial assistance and is unable to attend the program must contact the Parks & Recreation Department as soon as possible, but prior to the start of the program.

Full payment will be required if participant does not cancel out of the program prior to it starting.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

****For Framingham Residents Only****



The Framingham Parks & Recreation Department provides recreation programs to residents of Framingham that are open to people of all ages, economic levels, and abilities. The Framingham Parks & Recreation Department does not discriminate based on age, race, ethnicity, economic background, sexual orientation, or disability. The Framingham Parks & Recreation Department provides financial assistance for individuals who have demonstrated an economic hardship so that they may be able to participate in recreational programs. **Financial assistance is available to Framingham residents only.**

Application Process

- 1. Complete the application and attach verification of income.** *The form must be received no less than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the program unless otherwise stated. Registration is not complete until this form and balance due is received.*
- 2. Complete registration.** *You must indicate which program you are registering for over the phone or in person. Online registrations cannot be accepted or processed when requesting financial aid. **Refunds are not made for programs paid for in full.***
- 3. You will be notified via email or mail within 5 business days with a determination on the request including the amount of the discount.** *Please allow this time for processing.*

**Verification of all household income is required.
Examples include, but are not limited to:**

Earnings from Work

Wages/Salaries/Tips
Strike Benefits
Unemployment Compensation
Worker's Compensation
Income from Self-Owned Business/Farm

Pensions/Retirement/Social Security

Pensions
Supplemental Security Income
Retirement Income
Veteran's Payments
Social Security

Welfare/Child Support/Alimony

Public Assistance Payments
Welfare Payments
Alimony/Child Support Payments

Other Income

Disability Benefits
Cash Withdrawn from Savings
Interest/Dividends
Income from Estates/Trusts/Investments
Net Royalties/Annuities/Net Rental Income
Any Other Income

Free/Reduced Lunch Status

Families who are currently eligible for free or reduced lunch through the school system need to submit a copy of the award letter.

- **Confidentiality:** *The Framingham Parks & Recreation Department will use the information on the application only to determine qualifications to receive financial assistance for recreation services*
- **Application Frequency:** *Only one application for financial assistance is allowed per calendar year and will be required to be updated upon each registration.*
- **Questions?** *Please call us at (508)532-5960.*

Financial assistance is limited, apply early.

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Please complete the application in its entirety and submit with the income verification attached.

Participant Name _____ Age _____ DOB _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Address (if different) _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email Address _____

Dependent Children:	Age	Activity for which financial aid is requested
Name _____	_____	_____
Name _____	_____	_____
Name _____	_____	_____
Name _____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian 1

Current Employer _____
Monthly Income \$ _____
Annual Income \$ _____
Other Income \$ _____

Parent/Guardian 2

Current Employer _____
Monthly Income \$ _____
Annual Income \$ _____
Other Income \$ _____

List all sources including earnings from work, all government assistance, and all other income

Total Income Per Year for Household \$ _____

Does applicant receive Free Lunch? Yes No Reduced lunch? Yes No

I certify that the above information is correct and that all income was reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of financial assistance, and that Framingham Parks & Recreation may verify the information on this application. Deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and Federal Laws.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

For Department Use Only: Date Rec'd: ____/____/____ Initials _____
Resident Status Verified? Yes Income Verification: Yes Qualified Yes No
Household # _____ % of award: _____
Approved by: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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