



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FAQs

YMCA of Virginia's Blue Ridge

Who Does This Program Serve?

Our financial assistance program helps anyone in the community who wants to become a part of our YMCA family. We frequently assist:

- Youth referred by schools, churches and organizations
- Adults (and their families) who are temporarily out of work
- Adults on fixed incomes
- Single parent families

How Much Assistance Will Be Provided?

The level of assistance depends on the extent of need and the cost of programs. The YMCA makes every effort to assist those with the inability to pay. However, it is unusual that 100% of the fee is provided since recipients develop a stronger sense of ownership when contributing partially to their involvement.

How Long Will The Assistance Continue?

Assistance is provided for a specific time period and will be reviewed for eligibility every two years. If help is needed upon reapplying, the Y will do its best to provide assistance. If your circumstances change before the time period is up, please let us know so that we may serve others.

What Programs Qualify For Assistance?

Financial assistance is offered for YMCA programs including:

- Membership (financial assistance is not coupled with other discounts. A member will receive the discount of the highest value)
- Sports, aquatics, childcare and other programs

Who Provides Funding for the Financial Assistance Program?

The financial assistance program is possible through the generosity of donors to our annual giving campaign. All money raised through our annual giving campaign helps to provide assistance through our Financial Assistance Program. We want to be good stewards of the money awarded, and therefore strongly encourage you to use the membership/program(s).

Why Does the YMCA Request Financial Information?

With information on income and family size, we can award assistance in a fair and consistent manner. We use these procedures to ensure that everyone receives equal consideration.

Who Will See The Financial Information?

Personal financial information is handled in a confidential manner and will be seen and reviewed only by the YMCA staff trained to administer financial assistance. No information is shared with any other agency or organization.