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Dear Parent:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a scholarship with Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture. Please complete the scholarship application and return that with a copy of your 2024 Federal Income Tax Return, AFDC Card, or other documents to prove income eligibility.

In order to be eligible for a scholarship from Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture:

1. you must be a Newton Resident
2. your income must fall within the low to moderate income guidelines as outlined on the Community Development Block Grant Service Eligibility Income Limits (pg 2)
3. children must be enrolled in one of our Newton Parks and Recreation camps

Applications are due no later than **May 1, 2025** and scholarships will be awarded by May 15, 2025. Applications received after May 1 will be considered if additional scholarship funds remain.

In 2024 we were able to award over \$30,000.00 in scholarship funds to families in need thanks to funding received from the Community Development Block Grant. While we aren't able to fully fund a child's camp experience, we make a concerted effort to award amounts that help reduce the out of pocket expenses that families have to pay to ensure children can attend at least a few weeks of camp each summer. In addition to scholarships, we are able to set up a payment plan for families to pay their remaining balance. All balances must be paid before your child attends camp.

Below is a **sample** of estimated award amounts. Award amounts vary each year based on the cost of the program, number of applicants and the amount of money in our camp scholarship fund (which is supplemented through grants and donations).

Sample Award	30% or less of median income	50% or less of median income	80% or less of median income
Camp Cost	\$350.00 per week	\$350.00 per week	\$350.00 per week
Scholarship Award	\$260.00 per week	\$175.00 per week	\$90.00 per week
Family Payment	\$90.00 per week	\$175.00 per week	\$260.00 per week

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture at 617-796-1500.

Sincerely,

Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture

City of Newton

Housing and Community Development Program

Community Development Block Grant Service Eligibility Income Limits

Effective 04/01/2024

Projects funded by the City of Newton CDBG Program can assist people in Newton whose household income is within the following limits, effective April 1, 2024.

In addition, *adults with disabilities, survivors of domestic violence, homeless people, abused children, people with AIDS, people who are illiterate, and elders* are presumed to be eligible for services.

Number in Family	30% of Area Median Income	50% of Area Median Income	80% of Median Income*
1	\$34,300	\$57,100	\$91,200
2	\$39,200	\$65,300	\$104,200
3	\$44,100	\$73,450	\$117,250
4	\$48,950	\$81,600	\$130,250
5	\$52,900	\$88,150	\$140,700
6	\$56,800	\$94,700	\$151,150
7	\$60,700	\$101,200	\$161,550
8 or more	\$64,650	\$107,700	\$171,950

*Newton's median income for a family of 4 is \$148,900. However, the 80% of Median Income is capped by the U.S. Family Median income level. Data was taken from the estimates from the 2018-2022 5-year ACS American Community Survey.

**Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture
Camp Scholarship Application**



Please return this form and documents to Channon Ames at comes@newtonma.gov or to Newton Parks and Recreation * 246 Dudley Rd * Newton, MA 02459 * Attn Channon Ames

Camper 1 Name: _____ Age: _____

Camper 2 Name: _____ Age: _____

Camper 3 Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Email Address: _____

Camper(s) are registered for the following camp(s) (please check all that apply)

- Kids Korner Albemarle Acres Camp Echo Bridge T-ville Trails
 Camp Extreme Outdoor Adventure Specialty Camps CIT Programs
 Sports Camps Vacation Camps Wilderness Survival Camp
 Environmental Science Camp

Total Number of People in Family _____

2024 Total Yearly Income (Adjusted Gross Income from tax returns) \$ _____

Please Note: You must submit a copy of your 2024 Federal Income Tax Return, AFDC Card, SSI Statement, or other forms of income verification to be considered for a scholarship.

	Camper 1	Camper 2	Camper 3
# of weeks registered			
Scholarship amount requested			

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	Camper 1	Camper 2	Camper 3
# of weeks			
Total Fees Due			
Scholarship Award			
Deposits Paid			
Balance Due			

Scholarship Accepted by Family _____

Scholarship Not Accepted by Family _____