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Dear Parent:

As you have indicated a need for financial assistance this summer, please fill out the attached application and return it to the Parks and Recreation Department no later than May 1, 2021. **It is important to understand that you must be enrolled in one of our camps to be eligible for a scholarship.**

Included with your scholarship application, please also submit (1) letter from an outside source (i.e., child's teacher, school social worker, guidance counselor, your employer, etc.) indicating the needs for your child to attend a summer camp, (2) a letter from you giving us some insight into the financial constraints facing your family this year, and (3) a copy of your 2020 Federal Income Tax Return and/or AFDC Card. Please make sure that you have registered your child for one of the Newton Parks and Recreation Department summer programs prior to submitting the scholarship application. Scholarships will be given to Newton Residents only.

At this time it seems highly improbable for our Department to totally fund a child's camp experience, even though we would very much like to do so. We make a concerted effort each year to raise funds for campers in need. Our scholarship fund is not large, however, and it is our hope to be able to provide some assistance to all eligible applicants. All scholarship decisions will be made on the basis of need, as set out in the Community Development Guidelines for Low and Moderate Income Families (attached). **(Guidelines are subject to change)**

Although our resources are limited, we would be receptive to setting up a payment plan for families, so that they may pay the balance of camp tuition over the course of the camp experience. Please let us know if a payment plan would be suitable to your needs.

We anticipate making funding decisions by mid May. You will be notified by of the decision of the Scholarship Committee relative to your request. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Newton Parks and Recreation Department, 617-796-1500

Sincerely,

Channon Ames, Mark Kelly, Stephanie Lapham, Ricky Paglia & Alissa Whitten

Newton Parks and Recreation Department Managers and Camp Coordinators

City of Newton

Housing and Community Development Program

Community Development Block Grant Service Eligibility Income Limits

Effective 04/01/2020

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, 2020.

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	\$26,850	\$44,800	\$67,400
2	\$30,700	\$51,200	\$77,000
3	\$34,550	\$57,600	\$86,650
4	\$38,350	\$63,950	\$96,250
5	\$41,450	\$69,100	\$103,950
6	\$44,500	\$74,200	\$111,650
7	\$47,600	\$79,300	\$119,350
8 or more	\$50,650	\$84,450	\$127,050

*Newton's median income for a family of 4 is \$119,000. However, the 80% of Median Income is capped by the U.S. Family Median income level. Data was taken from the 2017 American Community Survey.

Families must provide a copy of their 2020 Federal Tax Return, AFDC card, SSI statement, or other approved income verification in order to be considered for a scholarship.



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Summer Camp Scholarship Application

___ Summer Fun Day Camp ___ Camp Echo Bridge ___ Kids Korner
 ___ Outdoor Adventure ___ Specialty Camps ___ Thundercat Sports
 ___ CIT Programs ___ Golf

Camper 1 Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Camper 2 Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Camper 3 Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Email Address: _____

Total Number of People in Family _____
 2020 Total Yearly Income (taxable income - Federal Income Tax Form) \$ _____

Camper(s) is Registered for _____ weeks at a Summer Camp or Program

Parks and Recreation Department Scholarship Amount Requested per child \$ _____

How much money are you able to pay for each child's participation? \$ _____

Have you applied for camp funding from other sources? ___yes ___no
 If yes, list the names of the organizations applied to: _____

How much funding did you request from each organization? _____

Have you received funding from any of these sources? ___yes ___no
 If yes, how much? \$ _____

Have you received a Camp Scholarship from the Newton Parks and Recreation Department in previous summers? ___yes ___no

If yes, what year(s) were you awarded a scholarship? _____

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Approved _____ Denied _____ (why) _____

Total Funding Amount Given: \$ _____

Total fees due for camp enrollment: \$ _____

Less Scholarship Amount: \$ _____

Parent Balance: \$ _____

Scholarship Accepted by Family ___ Scholarship Not Accepted by Family ___

Please Note: You must submit a copy of your 2020 Federal Income Tax Return, AFDC Card, SSI Statement, or other forms of income verification to be considered for a scholarship.