Woodridge PARK DISTRICT

Rotary Club of Woodridge

WOODRIDGE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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ABOUT

The Woodridge Park District is committed to providing recreation, health, and wellness opportunities for all residents, including those facing financial challenges. To support this commitment, three Financial Assistance Programs are available.

TO PARTICIPATE, APPLICANTS MUST:

- Reside within the Woodridge Park District boundaries
- Follow standard Park District registration procedures
- Meet eligibility requirements based on the Federal Income Free Meals Guidelines

WOODRIDGE POLICE AND PARK DISTRICT CHILDCARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM



The Woodridge Police Department and the Woodridge Park District provide annual funding to help qualifying Woodridge families offset the cost of childcare and youth programs. Eligible programs include Kidz Squad before and after school care through the Woodridge Park District and other non-Park District daycare programs, summer camps, and educational or recreational youth enrichment programs approved by the Woodridge Police Department.

CYPRESS COVE SWIM LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The Woodridge Park District offers a Swim Lesson Scholarship that covers the full cost of swim lessons at Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park for eligible residents. This program ensures every child has the opportunity to learn to swim, regardless of financial circumstances.

WOODRIDGE ROTARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Through the generous support of the Woodridge Rotary, financial assistance is available to help make participation in most Park District programs more accessible. While the majority of programs are eligible, including Cypress Cove punch passes, this assistance does not apply to trips, Kidz Squad, or Totschool.

> ***Recreation and enrichment should be accessible to every child and family.***

GUIDELINES

FOR ALL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

1. Financial assistance participants must reside within the boundaries of the Woodridge Park District to be eligible.
2. All information on the application must be true and accurate and will be kept confidential. Scholarships are legally recoverable if awarded on the basis of false information supplied by the applicant and will nullify the request for a scholarship.
4. All financial assistance/scholarships will be awarded on a first come-first serve basis, on the basis of need and are subject to available and fiscal year appropriations. The District reserves the right to approve partial funding or deny applicant's request.
5. An application must be completed every time a request for financial assistance/scholarship is made. Granting of financial assistance does not ensure continued approval for succeeding sessions.
6. Recipients awarded assistance shall follow normal Park District registration procedures while any of the Financial Assistance Programs and must pay their portion prior to the start of the program. Recipients' failure to pay their portion of the program fee will result in denying the recipient access to the program/activity/class.
7. Eligibility for financial assistance shall be based on the requirements established for the most recent published Federal Income Free Meals Guidelines and Reduced Priced Meals Guidelines and will be judged based on the need of the family as determined by the Customer Service Supervisor. The District will provide to eligible persons assistance based on a percentage of the program fee depending on income level and cost of program fee for non- contractual programs and pool passes (see below guidelines). The Deputy Director may exceed the guideline amounts due to extraordinary circumstances. Funding for the assistance program will be established in the annual budget and applications will be considered for each program registration period on a first come, first serve basis.
8. Applicants must submit the following items completed in full. Delays in providing the information will delay the review approval process.

    A. Park District Program Registration Form

    B. Scholarship Application

    C. Copy of Free or Reduced Fee School Lunch Program letter OR public aid card, county aid number or other eligible federal, state, county verification and/or payroll stubs.

9. Following approval of application, registration for program(s) will follow the standard registration process.
10. Any person who receives financial assistance for a class and fails to attend the program on a regular basis may be disqualified from future eligibility.
11. Income guidelines shall be updated annually as published by respective agencies.

WOODRIDGE POLICE AND PARK DISTRICT CHILDCARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. Families may receive up to $1,200 per family:
    - Up to $600 from the Woodridge Park District (for Kidz Squad before and after school program only). For families who are eligible for the Federal Free Meals program, up to $600 will be granted. For families who are eligible for the Federal Reduced-Price Meals program, up to $400 will be granted.
    - Up to $600 from the Woodridge Police Department (may be applied to other qualifying programs).
    - Waivers may be granted for Woodridge-based organizations serving families in need.
2. All other non-Kidz Squad requests should be directed to Police Chief Tom Stefanson at tstefanson@woodridgeil.gov.
3. The deadline to apply for the Kidz Squad 2026-2027 school year is July 1 in order to get pre-approved prior to the start of the program's registration dates, which are July 7 for existing KIDZ Squad participants and July 14 for new participants.

SWIM LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. The scholarship will cover the entire cost of a session of swim lessons at Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park.

WOODRIDGE ROTARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. The Executive Director, Deputy Director and Customer Service Supervisor of the Woodridge Park District shall serve as agents for the Rotary Club of Woodridge to determine eligibility and funding assistance/scholarships.
2. All District programs are available for scholarships EXCEPT for trips, Kids Squad and Totschool.

Cypress Cove Punch Passes: Families who qualify for Rotary Scholarship, each immediate family member residing in the qualified household is eligible to receive up to two, 10 pass punch passes per person (a total of 20 visits, per person, per season) at 30% the cost per punch card. Cost per punch card after Rotary Scholarship is applied is $9.00. Once approved for the scholarship, each household member must acquire their punch pass, in person, at the Athletic Recreation Center (ARC), 8201 S. Janes Avenue, during registration hours.

At that time, each person receiving their punch pass will need to have identification (photo IDs for adults, birth certificates for children, and a current utility bill). Punch cards will contain a picture of that person and will be specific to that person. After 10 punches (10 visits) have been used, contact the Customer Service Supervisor to make payment ($9.00) and reload the punch pass for 10 additional passes. Punch passes are only valid for the season in which it is issued. Refunds will not be given for unused visits.

For All Other Programs: Financial assistance may be in the form of a payment plan whereby the cost of the program will be spread over a period of time to allow the family/individual to afford the program as determined by the District or may be a partial scholarship whereby the cost of the program will be reduced according to the program guidelines.

WOODRIDGE ROTARY INCOME GUIDELINES

The maximum amount of annual financial assistance for each family is $400 for the free meals program and $240 for the reduced meal program and these amounts reset on July 1 of each year.

ASSISTANCE BASED ON FEDERAL FREE MEALS INCOME GUIDELINES			
PROGRAM FEE	% ASSISTANCE	MINIMUM SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PER PERSON*	MAXIMUM SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PER PERSON*
$25>$50	70%	$17.50	$35.00
$51>$100	60%	$30.60	$60.00
$101>$150	50%	$50.50	$75.00
$151>	40%	$60.40	$400 max. per family per year
ASSISTANCE BASED ON FEDERAL REDUCED-PRICE MEALS INCOME GUIDELINES			
PROGRAM FEE	% ASSISTANCE	MINIMUM SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PER PERSON*	MAXIMUM SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PER PERSON*
$25>$50	70%	$17.50	$35.00
$51>$100	50%	$25.50	$50.00
$101>$150	40%	$40.40	$65.00
$151>	30%	$45.30	$240 max. per family per year

** Maximum financial assistance/scholarship available is $400 per family per year for income based on Federal Free Meal Income Guidelines and $240 per family per year based on Federal Reduce Price Meals Income Guidelines.*

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (EFFECTIVE FROM JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027)

REDUCED PRICE MEALS = 185%						
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES (ANNUAL)	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
1	$15,960	$29,526	$2,461	$1,231	$1,136	$568
2	$21,640	$40,034	$3,337	$1,669	$1,540	$770
3	$27,320	$50,542	$4,212	$2,106	$1,944	$972
4	$33,000	$61,050	$5,088	$2,544	$2,349	$1,175
5	$38,680	$71,558	$5,964	$2,982	$2,753	$1,377
6	$44,360	$82,066	$6,839	$3,420	$3,157	$1,579
7	$50,040	$92,574	$7,715	$3,858	$3,561	$1,781
8	$55,720	$103,082	$8,591	$4,296	$3,965	$1,983
EACH ADD'L FAMILY MEMBER, ADD	$5,680	$10,508	$876	$438	$405	$203
FREE MEALS = 130%						
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES (ANNUAL)	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
1	$15,960	$20,748	$1,729	$865	$798	$399
2	$21,640	$28,132	$2,345	$1,173	$1,082	$541
3	$27,320	$35,516	$2,960	$1,480	$1,366	$683
4	$33,000	$42,900	$3,575	$1,788	$1,650	$825
5	$38,680	$50,284	$4,191	$2,096	$1,934	$967
6	$44,360	$57,668	$4,806	$2,403	$2,218	$1,109
7	$50,040	$65,052	$5,421	$2,711	$2,502	$1,251
8	$55,720	$72,436	$6,037	$3,019	$2,786	$1,393
EACH ADD'L FAMILY MEMBER, ADD	$5,680	$7,384	$616	$308	$284	$142

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

This form must be completed and attached to a completed Woodridge Park District program registration form and submitted to the Woodridge Park District, Attention: Rick Knipfer, 8201 S. Janes Avenue, Woodridge, IL 60517. Upon verification of information supplied on the application form, applicant will be notified as to the disposition of their request within 3-5 business days.

TYPE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLYING FOR (MAY SELECT MORE THAN 1):

- ☐ Woodridge Rotary Financial Assistance Program
- ☐ Cypress Cove Swim Lesson Scholarship Program
- ☐ Woodridge Police & Park District Childcare Subsidy Program

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUESTING ASSISTANCE			
FIRST:		LAST:	
ADDRESS:		CITY, ZIP CODE:	
PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER:		OTHER: ☐ CELL ☐ WORK:	
NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD:			

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS					
#1	FIRST NAME:		LAST NAME:		GENDER ☐ M ☐ F ☐ OTHER
#2	FIRST NAME:		LAST NAME:		GENDER ☐ M ☐ F ☐ OTHER
#3	FIRST NAME:		LAST NAME:		GENDER ☐ M ☐ F ☐ OTHER
#4	FIRST NAME:		LAST NAME:		GENDER ☐ M ☐ F ☐ OTHER
#5	FIRST NAME:		LAST NAME:		GENDER ☐ M ☐ F ☐ OTHER

TYPE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/SCHOLARSHIP APPLYING FOR:	
☐ PARTIAL PAYMENT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE)	☐ PAYMENT PLAN

Please provide a School Lunch Program Letter or one of the below items and attach verifying documentation (e.g. 1040 Federal Tax Forms, W-2 forms, paycheck stubs, etc.):

☐ SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM (SELECT: ☐ REDUCED FEE ☐ FREE)		SCHOOL ATTENDING:	
☐ HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ANNUAL PRE-TAX SALARY:		OTHER ANNUAL PRE-TAX INCOME:
☐ PUBLIC AID	AID NO.:		
☐ FOOD STAMPS	CASE NO. :		
☐ SUBSIDIZED HOUSING			
☐ EXCESSIVE MEDICAL BILLS	REASON:		
☐ OTHER FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	REASON:		

References: At least two (2) references (i.e. social service agencies, school, employers) must be provided and permission given below for them to supply the Woodridge Park District/Rotary Club of Woodridge with information regarding the applicant's financial need.					
#1	FIRST NAME:		LAST NAME:		
PHONE NUMBER:					
ADDRESS:		CITY, ZIP CODE:			
TITLE:		RELATION TO PERSON COMPLETING APPLICATION			
#2	FIRST NAME:		LAST NAME:		
PHONE NUMBER:					
ADDRESS:		CITY, ZIP CODE:			
TITLE:		RELATION TO PERSON COMPLETING APPLICATION			
I certify that the above information is true and correct and understand that its accuracy may be verified. I agree to repay, in full, any financial assistance awarded based on false information. I also give permission for the references listed above to be contacted to provide the Woodridge Park District/Rotary Club of Woodridge with information regarding financial need.					
SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING APPLICATION			DATE		

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED:	
VERIFICATION OF REFERENCES & DOCUMENTATION	RESULTS:
☐ ASSISTANCE/SCHOLARSHIP DENIED	
REASON FOR DENIAL:	☐ INCOME TOO HIGH
	☐ INCOMPLETE APPLICATION
	☐ OTHER:
☐ ASSISTANCE APPROVED	
	☐ WOODRIDGE ROTARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
	☐ WOODRIDGE ROTARY PAYMENT PLAN
	☐ CYPRESS COVE SWIM LESSONS
	☐ WOODRIDGE POLICE AND PARK DISTRICT CHILDCARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM
PAYMENT PLAN OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	DETAILS:
APPLICATION NOTIFIED:	
DATE NOTIFIED:	
SIGNATURE OF PARK DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE	DATE