

**Pittsfield Family YMCA
Financial Assistance Policy**

“At the YMCA will do not turn anyone away for the inability to pay”.

Financial Assistance

Within the available resources of the association, the Pittsfield Family YMCA will provide services for any youth, senior, or adult who desire to participate and understands the full benefits of the YMCA, regardless of the ability to pay the prescribed fee.

Those not able to pay the full fee may be awarded partial scholarships based on their demonstrated ability to pay and the YMCA’s ability to fund the subsidy. The YMCA reserves the right to deny or discontinue service at any time.

Eligibility

- Applicants must work or reside in the YMCA service area.
- Assistance will be granted on the basis of financial need resulting from low income. The YMCA must be notified immediately if a change of income is experienced during the assistance period.
- Applicants must provide the YMCA a written “thank you” letter to contributors prior to receiving assistance.
- Applicants will have the opportunity to provide volunteer service to the YMCA.
- The YMCA believes a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed if the financial assistance recipient has contributed to the cost of YMCA involvement. Therefore, applicants will normally be asked to pay a portion of the fees.
- Financial assistance can be granted for up to one year membership. Applicants may reapply at the end of the assistance period.
- Applicants with a prior balance due are not eligible to receive financial assistance.

How should members apply?

- The President/ CEO is authorized to grant partial scholarships for low income with records kept confidential.
- Financial Assistance and Membership Applications must be completed before an award will be made.
- Some written form of documentation indicating current income will be required at the time of application.
- After all required forms and documentation has been submitted, requests will be reviewed and a determination of award will be made as soon as possible. Applicants will be notified of assistance granted.

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