



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Pittsfield Family YMCA: Y-Aid Policy

Within the available resources of the Y, the Y will provide Y-Aid (financial assistance) for any youth, adult or senior who desires to participate at the Y and who understands the full benefits of the Y.

Those prospective members not able to pay the full fee may be awarded partial Y-Aid based on their demonstrated ability to pay and the Y's ability to fund the subsidy. The Y reserves the right to deny or discontinue service at any time.

We require a \$25 processing fee paid when you apply for Y-Aid. This is a non-refundable fee, but it will be applied to your membership if you decide to join the Y.

Eligibility

- Applicants must work or reside in the Y service area.
- Assistance will be granted on the basis of financial need resulting from low income. The Y must be notified immediately if a change in income is experienced during the assistance period.
- Applicants must provide proof of income for the entire household, not just the income of those who wish to apply from the same home.
- Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to provide a written "thank you" letter to the contributors of the Y with this application.
- Applicants may be asked to provide volunteer service to the Y.
- The Y believes a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed if the Y-Aid recipient has contributed to the cost of his/her Y involvement. Therefore, applicants will be asked to pay a portion of the fees.
- Y-Aid can be granted for annual memberships, childcare, youth programs and summer camp. Applicants may reapply at the end of the assistance period.
- Applicants with a prior balance due are not eligible to receive Y-Aid.

How do I apply for Y-Aid?

- Only the President or appointed designee is authorized to grant partial scholarships for low income. All records are kept confidential.
- Y-Aid and membership applications must be completed before an award will be made.
- A written form of documentation indicating current household income will be required at the time of application. **One (1) month current pay stubs, verification of food stamps, Social Security assistance and child support must be submitted along with this application.**
- Copies of documentation must be provided. We can no longer make copies.
- Applicants will be notified of Y-Aid approval/denial by mail.

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