



ATHLETIC PROGRAM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DEADLINES 2017

Applications for financial assistance for athletic programs will be accepted between approximately the first week before sign ups begin and until the Thursday before sign ups end. **Applications for only that sport will be accepted during that time and only during that time. Application received after the deadline will not be processed.** See below for a full schedule of application periods:

Sport	Financial Assistance acceptance dates
Spring Baseball	Feb 9 – Feb 23
Spring Volleyball	Feb 9 – Feb 23
Summer Baseball	May 11 – May 18
Tackle/Flag Football	May 25 – June 8
Flag Football (only)	July 27 –August 10
Girls Volleyball	May 25 – June 8
Girls Volleyball	July 27 –August 10
Winter Basketball	Sept 21 – Oct 5
City Rock Basketball	Nov 2 – Nov 16

Please remember to indicate whether assistance with membership is also requested. Membership year is June 1st – May 31st and costs \$30.

Applications for assistance for membership fees are accepted year-round.

Applications that are received without the required documentation or are incomplete will not be processed.

Requests are received by Thursday will be reviewed on Friday and email notifications sent out that afternoon. Applications received on Friday will be reviewed the following Friday

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES

Financial Assistance Procedures:

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County is committed to serving all youth, regardless of their ability to pay for programs and services. Financial assistance programs are available for families who have limited financial resources.

Eligibility

1. Currently enrolled and active Boys & Girls Clubs members will receive priority.
2. The Financial Assistance program funds membership and athletic program fees only. Before school and extended summer programs are not eligible for assistance.
3. Assistance is approved based on financial need and available funds. All individual fees are confidential.
4. Financial need is determined using the federal income guidelines, based on family size and gross monthly income.
5. Foster and homeless children are eligible for a free annual membership (\$30). Athletic fees for foster children will be based upon Financial Assistance Guidelines below.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GROSS MONTHLY INCOME GUIDELINES		
Family Size	Fee Level 1 50% Assistance	Fee Level 2 25% Assistance
2	\$1311	\$1312-\$2426
3	\$1650	\$1651-\$3051
4	\$1988	\$1989-\$3677
5	\$2326	\$2327-\$4303
6	\$2665	\$2666-\$4929
7	\$3003	\$3004-\$5555
8	\$3341	\$3342-\$6181

To Apply

1. Complete a Financial Assistance Application
2. Attach copies of proof of income for each working individual in the household (see application)
3. Submit the application and documentation to:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County
1616 Cornwall Ave, Suite 111
Bellingham WA, 98225

Financial Assistance Applications will not be accepted at any Club site

The Process

1. Requests by Thursday are reviewed each Friday and email notifications are sent out that afternoon. Please check your SPAM filter if notification is not received by Friday evening. If an email address is not provided, the notification will be mailed on the following Monday.
2. Applications will NOT be processed if incomplete or are missing proof of income documents.
3. Athletic program assistance will only be reviewed for the sports that are currently enrolling. Applications for financial assistance **will not** be accepted after the published deadline.
4. Applications are reviewed and approved on a first come basis.
6. Financial assistance is granted to the extent that funds are available.
7. We do not keep applications on file, additional requests require another application.
8. Youth may not enroll or participate in the program until the application is processed and the parent completes the enrollment process.
9. We reserve the right to cancel or amend the financial assistance program at any time, without advance notice.

Once Assistance is approved

1. Complete the enrollment process at the local Clubhouse. You will need:
 - _ A copy of email approval notification
 - _ Completed membership form(s)
 - _ Payment

Assistance is based upon the application submitted. In the event assistance is not utilized for the program requested, it may not be transferred or credited to another program or youth.

Please direct all questions to: Randy Ashe rashe@whatomclubs.org

Financial Assistance Application

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County believes in providing membership and program services to all who desire to participate. The financial assistance program, is supported by donations from the community, provides membership and program services to those in need within our available resources.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Primary location: Bellingham Blaine Ferndale Lynden

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Address Street _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Preferred Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Email Address (All financial assistance notifications will be sent by email) _____

If you do not have an email the notification will be mailed to the address above.

LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS, including applicant, that you're a financially responsible for

First Name	Last Name	Relationship
1		
2		
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_____ I have attached a copy of my most recent household IRS 1040 Federal tax form (The first two pages of the 1040 are required in order to process all financial assistance requests).

OR

_____ I have attached a current copy of the school letter indicating that the child named above is eligible for the free or reduced lunch program, TANF benefit letter or current paystub with current year to date income.

_____ I am requesting financial assistance for membership fees for a foster child(ren) in my care, I have included official documentation that the child(ren) is a foster child. For assistance with Athletic Program Fees proof of financial need is required.

Please share with us your need for financial assistance:

Child's Name	Are you requesting assistance with 2016/2017 Membership Fee (\$30)? (Required for Clubhouse & Athletic Program participation)	List any specific Athletic Program assistance needed (Accepted only during sign up periods for each sport)
Sally Smith (example)	Yes	Volleyball

Financial Assistance Request Program Information- Assistance is only available for membership & athletic fees

Have you request financial assistance from any other agency to assist with Boys & Girls Club fees? Y or N

If so what agency? _____

Do you authorize the Boys & Girls Clubs to share scholarship information with that agency? Y or N

I hereby state that all information provided to the BGCWC is true and accurate.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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Complete applications are reviewed on Friday and e-mail notification sent out by 5pm that day. Please check your SPAM filter if you do not receive notification on Friday. Youth may not participate in our program without a current membership.

Applications will not be accepted after the published Financial Assistance deadline for each Athletic Program.