



**ATHLETIC PROGRAM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DEADLINES 2019**

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:

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Financial Assistance acceptance dates</b>
Spring Baseball	Feb 4 – Feb 15
Spring Volleyball	Feb 4 – Feb 15
Summer Baseball	April 29 – May 10
Fall Flag Football	June 17 – June 28
Fall Volleyball	June 17 – June 28
Winter Basketball	Sept 9 – Sept 20
City Rock Basketball	Oct 28 – Nov 8

Please remember to indicate whether assistance with membership is also requested. Membership year is June 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

<b>FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GROSS MONTHLY INCOME GUIDELINES</b>		
Family Size	Fee Level 1 50% Assistance	Fee Level 2 25% Assistance
2	\$21,398	\$30,451
3	\$27,014	\$38,443
4	\$32,630	\$46,435
5	\$38,246	\$54,427
6	\$43,862	\$62,419
7	\$49,478	\$70,411
8	\$55,094	\$78,403

### **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

or e-mail completed forms & income documentation to

ScholarshipProgram@whatcomclubs.org

**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 share with us your need for financial assistance:

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<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Are you requesting assistance with 2017/2018 Membership Fee (\$30)?</b> (Required for Clubhouse & Athletic Program participation)	<b>List any specific Athletic Program assistance needed</b> (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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please mail or deliver your application to:  
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Bellingham, WA 98225

**Applications will not be taken at any Club site**

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.