



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF WHATCOM COUNTY

ATHLETIC PROGRAM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2021

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.**

Applications received after registration closes will not be processed.

Please remember to indicate whether assistance with membership is also requested. Membership year is June 1st – May 31st and costs \$40.

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.

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.
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 (\$40). 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	\$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
1715 Kentucky St
Bellingham WA 98229
Attn: Scholarships

or e-mail completed forms & income documentation to Kgrams@whatcomclubs.org

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.
4. Applications for financial assistance **will not** be accepted after a registration is closed.
5. Applications are reviewed and approved on a first come first serve 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. If payments are made in full prior to FA notification no refunds will be processed
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 account set up in the Parent Portal and your child entered into
 - _ Staff will provide further instructions once the account has been established

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.

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 financially responsible for

First Name	Last Name	Relationship
1.		
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		

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 pay stub 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 the 2021/2022 Membership Fee (\$40) (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 requested 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:

Kgrams@whatcomclubs.org

or

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Complete applications are reviewed as received and notification will follow in 2-3 days