



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF WHATCOM COUNTY**

ATHLETIC PROGRAM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2023

Applications for financial assistance for athletic programs will be accepted by the dates set on the individual sports webpages on www.whatcomclubs.org. **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.

This is only the application form for financial assistance toward athletic program fees. This is not an application for the annual membership fee.

Applications that are received without the required documentation or are incomplete will not be processed. You will not be contacted to be informed of incomplete packets.

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, but are based on the funds available through the organization's fundraising efforts.

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. Scholarship awards 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.



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GROSS ANNUAL INCOME GUIDELINES		
Family Size	Fee Level 2 25% Assistance	Fee Level 1 50% Assistance
2	\$33,874	\$23,803
3	\$42,606	\$29,939
4	\$51,338	\$36,075
5	\$60,070	\$42,211
6	\$68,802	\$48,347
7	\$77,534	\$54,483
8	\$86,266,	\$60,619
For each add'l fam. Member, add:	\$8,732	\$6,136

The Process

1. Requests are reviewed within 8 business days of receiving them. You will receive a phone call and an email with an update.
2. Applications will NOT be processed if incomplete or are missing proof of income documents and you will not be contacted to inform you of missing 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 application 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.
 - *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.*



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To Apply

1. Complete the Financial Assistance Application
2. Attach copies of proof of income for each working individual in the household or copies of a school district issued free and reduced lunch letter.
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 & required documentation to
athleticdepartment@whatcomclubs.org



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.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone # _____

Primary Email Address _____

Do you have a Boys & Girls Clubs of _____ Yes _____

Whatcom County parent portal account? No _____

If you selected no above, please visit <https://parentportal.whatcomclubs.org/> and create an account. This is required to sign-up for all BGCWC programs.

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List the children who will participate in the upcoming program.	
Child Name (First & Last Name)	List the specific sport you are requesting financial support for
EXAMPLE Sally Smith	2023 Spring Volleyball

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Attachments

Please put a check mark next to what you have attached to this application.

___ Copy of my most recent household IRS 1040 Federal tax for (if you choose to provide this, the first two pages of the 1040 are required).

OR

___ Current copy of the school letter indicating that the child I am applying for a scholarship for is eligible for the free or reduced lunch program, TANF benefit letter or current pay stub with current year to date income.

OR

___ I am applying on behalf of a foster child(ren) in my care. I have included official documentation that the child(ren) is a foster child.

Feel free to share any additional information about why you need financial assistance for the upcoming sports season:

Have you requested financial assistance from any other agency to assist with Boys & Girls Club fees?

Yes ____

No ____

- If yes above , what agency? _____

- Do you authorize the Boys & Girls Clubs to share Yes ____

scholarship information with that agency? No ____

I hereby state that all information provided to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County is true and accurate.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date __ / __ / ____



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Child/Children Name(s) _____

Scholarship Amount applicant has qualified for: _____

Athletic Director Approval Signature: _____

Approval Signature #2: _____

Date Approved: _____

Date Applicant Family Notified: _____

Payment Due Date: _____

Was this scholarship payment made by applicants? Yes or No
