



Gladstone Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Recreation Connection Scholarship Program

Gladstone Parks and Recreation is committed to providing recreation and exercise opportunities to every child and adult in Gladstone and the surrounding area. One way to meet this goal is to remove financial barriers by implementing a scholarship program called "Recreation Connection." Scholarships are now available to financially disadvantaged youth, as well as adults with permanent or short term disabilities, who lack the financial means to access therapeutic exercise.

Scholarships available for financial assistance in the Gladstone Parks and Recreation Department's programs and services include:

- swim lessons
- community center memberships (based on physical disability)
- outdoor pool memberships
- youth sports programs for children aged 3 years through 7th grade
 - Soccer
 - Basketball
 - Volleyball
 - Tennis
 - Flag Football

Scholarship programs will not be authorized for senior travel programs, or other similar events, that are primarily of entertainment value.

Because scholarship funds are limited, and some sports programs fill before their registration deadline, early application is encouraged. The attached forms must be completed in full. No incomplete forms, or forms lacking required documentation, will be considered. Should you have any questions regarding the scholarship application process, please contact the Gladstone Parks and Recreation Department at (816) 423-4200 and you will be directed to the appropriate staff member.

We look forward to providing the opportunity for healthy activities to all area children and adults who need our services.

Sincerely,
Justin Merkey
Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts



Gladstone Parks and Recreation Recreation Connection Scholarship Application Process

- Financial Assistance will be granted based on household size/total dependents and total household gross income. In some instances, special household expenses (i.e. high medical costs, disaster situations, etc.) could be a factor. Depending on gross income and number of household members, the City of Gladstone Scholarship may pay 20%-80% of the program fees.
- Before approval process can begin ALL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TOGETHER. Applicant should allow 7-10 working days for the application to be processed and approved. Program/Membership enrollment will occur after approval process is complete and notified the percentage/amount of assistance he/she has been awarded.
- Application will be eligible for one year after approval. Participant must attend 75% of the program which has been subsidized to qualify for future aid within that year. In some circumstances updated tax returns will be required for assistance for multiple programs within the approval year.
- Approval does not guarantee participation in specified program. Program availability is based on a first come, first serve basis. Scholarship funds are limited and may only be available for one program/year.
- Scholarship applications are open to any child/family in need of financial assistance or adult with permanent or short term disabilities (proof required) in need of financial assistance.
- If the applicant is approved, arrangements will be made for enrollment and payment for the program. All of the participant's portion must be paid upon prior to the registration deadline.

All documents MUST be complete and presented before approval process can begin.

1. Documentation of all household income- all adults 18 and over in the household. (Most current pay stubs for the last 30 days, Letter from SSI/SSDI/etc.)
2. Copy of most current income taxes OR if you did not file taxes but you receive TANF, DFS, SSI or Food Stamp assistance, please attach a current letter stating your benefits along with your caseworker's name and contact information.
3. Court issued documentation of any other income subsidies i.e. Child Support, Alimony, etc.
4. Completed application.
5. Completed registration form for athletic program.



Recreation Connection Scholarship Application

Date of Application _____

Applicant Name (Adult) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

How many adults live in the applicant's home including applicant? _____ How many children? _____

Please list all adults (18 and older), including applicant residing in household

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	Relationship to applicant	Employer	Annual Income

Please list all children residing in household

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	Relationship to Applicant	Check if claimed on form 1040 as a dependent

