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YMCA OF SOUTHERN MAINE

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FORM

The YMCA of Southern Maine is a non-profit membership organization committed to building strong communities, families, and individuals through programs that promote a healthy spirit, mind, and body for everyone, regardless of ability to pay. No one is ever turned away from the YMCA because of **financial hardships or unexpected emergency expenses**. That is why we offer our Financial Assistance Program and review applications on an individual basis.

The YMCA of Southern Maine believes that a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed if members have contributed to the cost of their YMCA involvement. Therefore, **financial assistance applicants will be asked to pay a portion of the membership dues and joiner's fee**.

Financial Assistance memberships are approved for an annual period. **Payment is required when you activate your membership**. Applicants will have the option of drafting their membership dues monthly, or paying for the year. You may reapply by completing the financial assistance application before or at the time of your membership expiration. At this time, your application will be reviewed in full again. **If your membership lapses, you will not be able to use our facilities until you are re-instated**.

Members requesting financial assistance must fill out the attached form and provide all the information required. We need to be aware of your expenses so that we can provide financial assistance in a fair and consistent manner.

To process your application, we will need the following information: **

- **Copy of your last two pay stubs (or)**
- **Copy of your social security or disability checks**
- **Copy of any other assistance you may receive (General Assistance, AFDC/TANF, unemployment, etc.)**

**** You are responsible for making copies of your information**. We reserve the right to ask for further verification, such as rent or mortgage payments, childcare, etc. Falsification of information could lead to immediate termination of your membership or denial of a scholarship.

Please allow 7 days to process your application. **Incomplete forms will be returned**.

All YMCA of Southern Maine members receive the same membership benefits, regardless of whether or not they are receiving financial assistance. Members can feel good knowing that they are involved in an organization that cares greatly for the health and wellbeing of people in their community.

Please contact our branch's Membership Office with any comments, questions or concerns. **Please note:** the level of assistance approved for your membership fees is not transferable to childcare or camp. These programs require a separate application process.