

# City of Oceanside Youth Scholarship Information

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Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Parks & Recreation Division Scholarship Program.

The City of Oceanside Parks & Recreation Division offers a variety of recreation programs for your youth ages 1-17. The City wishes to make these programs accessible to as many youth as possible. Therefore, a scholarship program is available for youth who would otherwise not be able to afford to participate in these programs.

If you are aware of any **Oceanside residents** who may be in need of this service, please refer them to the Parks & Recreation Office located at Civic Center Plaza, 300 North Coast Highway in Oceanside, or to the Oceanside Web site [www.oceansiderec.com](http://www.oceansiderec.com).

The goal of the Scholarship Program is to create recreational opportunities for all Junior Oceanside Residents and to assist families in times of need. The Parks and Recreation Division is committed to providing a space for all children to learn, play and grow.

**Applications are kept confidential.**

Please return your completed application to:

Youth Services – Scholarship Program  
City of Oceanside  
Parks & Recreation  
Attn: Javier Bermudez  
300 North Coast Highway  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
Email: [jbermudez@ci.oceanside.ca.us](mailto:jbermudez@ci.oceanside.ca.us)  
Phone: (760) 435-5554  
Fax: (760) 435-9628

# City of Oceanside Youth Scholarship Program

The following guidelines have been established to ensure fairness and accessibility by all Scholarship Program participants:

1. The scholarship application must be filled out completely or it will be returned to applicant. If there are questions regarding the application please call (760) 435-5041 for assistance. Monthly income verification may be requested and should be attached to the application when submitted. *See Section B, #4 on the application page.*
2. The enrollment period is ongoing. Scholarship funds are valid for 1 year from your approval date. You can only be granted one scholarship per year. The maximum amount of the scholarship is \$150 per household, as long as funds are available.
3. Scholarships are granted to applicants who would not otherwise be able to participate in the Parks & Recreation programs and services due to financial hardship. The Division awards a scholarship based on either OUSD or VUSD reduced-price meals program eligibility or the total annual household income and number of persons living in a residence. The Scholarship Program's goal is to help as many youth as possible participate in activities. Scholarships are granted for up to 50 percent of the cost of the class, program or service.
4. The Scholarship Program is non-transferable. Additionally, if a child misses a class, a monetary refund will not be issued, nor can the family send a different child in their place. As a reminder, a \$15 processing fee is charged for cancellations on each individual program activity.
5. The Parks & Recreation Division asks that any time there is a change in your household income, or you have moved, you inform staff so that we may better serve you. This will also help us to identify whether we might be able to assist additional youth with scholarship funds if you find that you no longer need the assistance.
6. Scholarships are granted during all seasons for all Parks & Recreation Programs. Participants may also apply for scholarship funds for the City of Oceanside's Junior Lifeguard Program. There is a limit to the dollar amount granted each season. Parks & Recreation staff believes that all children have the right to recreation and leisure services; therefore, we reserve the right to allocate the funds in the fairest manner possible.

## Oceanside Youth Scholarship Program

### FAQs:

#### **How can I apply for a scholarship?**

- (1) Email to [recadmin@ci.oceanside.ca.us](mailto:recadmin@ci.oceanside.ca.us)
- (2) Print out the application and mail to:  
Parks & Recreation  
300 N. Coast Highway  
Oceanside, CA 92054 .
- (3) Come in person to the Parks and Recreation office  
*All applications and scholarship enrollments are processed at the Parks and Recreation Administration office ONLY!*

#### **What do I need to provide?**

- (1) Proof of residency
- (2) Birth Certificate(s), if available
- (3) If your child receives the free/reduced lunch program at an Oceanside or Vista Unified School you will need to provide a copy of the qualification letter from the school.
- (4) If your child is not participating in the free/reduced lunch program at school, then you will need to supply the last two current pay stubs to prove your monthly income and/or the current tax year filed.

#### **If I am on Section 8 do I automatically qualify?**

No.

#### **Do I have to be an Oceanside resident?**

Yes, only Oceanside residents are eligible for the Youth Scholarship Program.

#### **Can I receive a 100% scholarship?**

There is **NO** 100% qualification. A family will be responsible for paying 50% of each program a child enrolls in.

#### **How much money can I receive?**

A qualifying family can use up to \$150 per year, per family, regardless of the number of children. *(while funds are available)*

#### **When are applications accepted?**

Applications are accepted year-round or until funds run out, whichever occurs first.

#### **What is the most I could receive annually?**

The top fixed dollar amount is \$150 per family. *(while funds are available)*

#### **Can I roll it over? What if I don't use it?**

Applicants who do not use all the scholarship monies will not be able to carry them over but they can reapply when your scholarship expires.

# City of Oceanside Scholarship Program

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Applicant:  Re-apply:

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:** (proof of residency is required)

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Business:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section A**  
**OUSD reduced meals program eligibility**

Is your child currently receiving free/reduced meals? If yes, continue. If no, go to <b>Section B</b> .	Yes	No
School _____		
Effective immediately, any scholarship applicant qualifying for and receiving an Oceanside Parks and Recreation Scholarship, whose proof of qualification is enrollment in the "free/reduced lunch" program at either VUSD or OUSD will be required to show proof of this enrollment to Parks and Recreation Scholarship staff.		
Signature of parent/guardian	Date	

**Section B** (complete only if you do not receive lunch program)

**HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION:**

1. How many persons are living in your household? (A household is defined as the persons currently living in the address you provided in the information above, inclusive of children and or dependents)  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
2. List monthly household income inclusive of all wage-earners living in address listed above:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
3. List additional monthly income generated from welfare, child support, alimony and/or social security:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
4. List the total monthly household income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (please provide the last **two** current copies of source of income, i.e., past paycheck stubs, tax returns)

5. List the name(s) and date(s) of birth of the child(ren) you are requesting a scholarship for.

<u>Child's Name:</u>	<u>Child's Date of Birth</u>	<u>Program interested in enrolling:</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I certify that all statements on this application are true and correct and that I can verify this information if requested to do so. I understand that the Oceanside Youth Scholarship is a privilege and not a right, and that is subject to the income verification statements submitted by me. I also understand that the scholarship may pay for 50% of my program fees, and I am responsible for paying the balance of the program fees directly to the City prior to the start of the program in which my child is to participate. I understand that if any statements submitted are later determined to be inaccurate, it may immediately terminate my child's privilege to benefit from this program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent /guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Drop-off or Mail your application to: City of Oceanside  
Neighborhood Services Department  
Parks & Recreation  
300 North Coast Highway  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
  
Fax: (760) 435-9628

Questions? Javier Bermudez, (760) 435-5554 or [jbermudez@ci.oceanside.ca.us](mailto:jbermudez@ci.oceanside.ca.us).