



Student Extra-Curricular Scholarship Information

With the help of a generous donor, the Needham Community Council is offering a scholarship program to help with the cost of your student/s extra-curricular activities. Below are some guidelines and details of the program.

Who is eligible:

Any food pantry member aged 18 and under at the time they begin the class or program.

How it can be used:

Eligible households may apply to help support an extra-curricular activity that is not already supported with another program or scholarship. Programs that are eligible (but not limited to) are music, clubs, athletics, or drivers' education.

Distribution of Gifts:

All gifts will be made directly to the vendor or supplier of the program.

Limits of gifts:

Each household will be limited up to \$500 per child per year
Each household will be limited up to \$1,000 per year

Limit of 2 applications per year per child

Gifts do not automatically renew each year – the recipient can apply each year/semester. All checks will be made out directly to the program/class or vendor.

How to Apply:

First check if there is already a scholarship program available with the organization that runs the program. See attached form for details.

Complete the attached application and drop off at our office or mail to us at:

570 Hillside Avenue, Needham, MA 02494

Rolling applications begin in January 2022. All applications will be reviewed on the 15th and the 30th of each month, and you will be notified of the decision within 5 days of that deadline. **There are a limited number of scholarships available. Please apply early and know that we may not be able to fill all requests.**

Non-Attendance:

The household is responsible to notify the Needham Community Council if the student was unable to attend the class or program and explain the reason why. Failure to do so could result in losing the right to future awards.



Other Programs with Scholarship Options

Many of the programs that are available in Needham already have scholarships available. BEFORE you submit this application, we ask that you check with the program to see if your student is eligible for any of their scholarships. Below is a list and contact information for some of the more common programs. **Please email the program to ask before you submit a request.** If the programs scholarship pays only a portion of the total fees, we may be able to make up the difference.

Charles River YMCA

These programs and membership typically have scholarships available for income eligible families. Please contact the email below or go in person to the Y to receive an application CharlesRiverY@ymcaboston.org

Needham Parks & Recreation

Most food pantry customer are eligible for a pool pass and classes. To apply for a scholarship begin by calling our office to get a referral letter. Then you should email Parks and Rec or go in person to the Rosemary Pool complex to request to sign up parkandrecreation@needhamma.gov

Needham Driving School

Some students at the high school qualify for free or discounted driving lessons. This is covered through the high school. Have your student reach out to their guidance counselor to arrange for this program. If there are portions that are not covered by the high school's scholarship program, you may apply for the additional here.

Needham Youth Sports

There are many Needham sports teams like Needham Soccer Club, St. Joe's or Needham Metrowest Basketball, Needham Baseball & Softball, and others that offer scholarships. Please EMAIL the program that you are interested in request a scholarship.

Needham Soccer Club: executivedirector@needhamsoccer.com

St. Joe's Basketball: Steve Bloomberg / coachsteve39@msn.com

Needham MetroWest Basketball: needhammetrowest@gmail.com

Needham Baseball & Softball:

Other Programs

Many camps, ballet studios, and art studios can offer a discounted or free class to families that qualify. We ask that you contact the provider to ask about options prior to submitting your request here. If the program only pays part of the class, we encourage you to apply here for the remainder of the fee.



Student Extra-Curricular Application

Date _____

Have you already asked about Scholarship options from the club or team: Yes No

Parents Name _____

Students Name _____

Student Date of Birth _____ Students Age _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Extra-curricular/Activity student would like to participate in: _____

What expense would you like this scholarship to pay for (fees, clothing, equipment): Please describe.

What is the amount requested – after any scholarship the program offers? _____

Name, address and contact information of the school, gym or class you hope to attend:

Are you currently getting assistance for this activity from elsewhere? If yes, please specify where and why you need additional support.
