Student Extracurricular Scholarship Information

With the help of generous donors, the Needham Community Council offers a scholarship program to help with the cost of your student(s) extracurricular 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 extracurricular activity that is not already supported with another program or scholarship. Programs that are eligible (but not limited to) are music, clubs, athletics, or driver's 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 to up to $500 per child per year.
Each household will be limited to 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 payable 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

Applications are accepted and reviewed on a regular basis. **There are a limited number of scholarships available and are granted depending on current funding availability.**

Non-Attendance:
The household is responsible for notifying 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.

Needham Community Council
781-444-2415
570 Hillside Avenue, Needham, MA 02494
office@needhamcouncil.org

Programs with Scholarship Options

Many of the programs offered 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 program's 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 Y via email or go in person to the Y to request an application CharlesRiverY@ymcaboston.org

Needham Park & Recreation

Most food pantry customers 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 Park 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 Needham High School qualify for free or discounted driving lessons. This is coordinated through the high school. Please have your student reach out to their guidance counselor to arrange for this program. If there are portions that are not covered by this scholarship program, you may apply for the additional funds here.

Needham Youth Sports

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

Needham Soccer Club: executivedirector@needhamsoccer.com
Needham Youth Basketball League (formerly St. Joe's Basketball): Steve Blomberg / coachsteve39@msn.com
Needham MetroWest Basketball: needhammetrowest@gmail.com
Needham Baseball & Softball: needhamball@gmail.com

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 Extracurricular Scholarship Application

Date _____

Have you already asked the club or team about scholarship options? Yes No

Parent's Name _____

Student's Name _____

Student Date of Birth_____ Student's Age _____

Address _____Phone_____

Email _____

Extracurricular activity student would like to participate in: _____

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

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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 have your student attend:

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

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I understand that it is my responsibility to notify the Needham Community Council if my student was unable to attend the class or program and failure to do so will impact my ability to receive scholarships in the future.

Signature: _____