



ALEXANDER COUNTY YMCA

OPEN DOORS PROGRAM

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The YMCA fervently believes that all people should have the opportunity to participate in YMCA programs and services. The heart of the YMCA's mission is to reach out and serve people in our communities who are in need. When someone loses a job, when medical bills become overwhelming, when separation or divorce bring financial problems or when other unfortunate situations occur, people need financial assistance.

Because the YMCA is community-based and believes that its programs and services should be available to everyone, we offer the Open Doors program. This program offers a sliding fee scale that is designed to fit the financial situation of each individual and family in our community. We want all people to be involved with the programs and services of the YMCA that nurture the spirit, mind and body—especially during life's difficult times.

WHO DOES THE OPEN DOORS PROGRAM SEEK TO SERVE?

Our Open Doors program is aimed at helping anyone in the community that the Y can reach through public service events. We most frequently assist:

- * Youth referred by schools, churches and organizations
- * Adults (and their families) who are temporarily out of work
- * Adults on fixed incomes
- * Single parent families

WHAT PROGRAMS QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE?

Financial Assistance is offered for all "Y" programs, including:

- * Individual and family memberships
- * Child Care
- * Summer Camp

HOW MUCH ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED?

The level of assistance depends on the extent of the and the cost of the programs. We want to help as

people as possible and the YMCA believes a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed if the recipient has contributed to the cost of their YMCA involvement. It is unusual that 100% of the fee is provided, however, no one is turned away from a YMCA program because of the inability to pay.

- * Sports programs and leagues
 - * Youth and Adult Classes
- need many

HOW DO I GET ASSISTANCE?

1. Contact the YMCA and request and Open Doors application.
2. Bring information about current income so the amount of assistance can be determined.
3. Provide verification of current income—we will need to review the following information:
 - * A copy of your most recent tax return
 - * A copy of your last two pay stubs (or bank statement showing automatic deposit amount) or copy of social security/disability checks
 - * Documentation of any federal assistance like food stamps, rent subsidy, work first programs, unemployment or disability
 - * Student loan information if applicable

NOTE: If you do not have a copy of your tax return, you may obtain one by calling the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040. If you did not file taxes last year, or if you do not have the other documentation required, please submit a letter explaining your personal financial situation.

HOW LONG WILL ASSISTANCE CONTINUE?

Assistance is provided for a specific time period and will be reviewed for eligibility annually—yet some programs and/or situations will require more frequent reviews. If help is still needed when that time is up, the YMCA requests that you reapply to keep information on your application updated.

WHY DOES THE YMCA REQUEST FINANCIAL INFORMATION?

With information on income and family size, we can award assistance in a fair and consistent manner. We use these procedures to ensure everyone receives equal consideration.

WHO WILL SEE THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION?

Personal information is handled in a confidential manner and will be seen and reviewed only by the YMCA's professional staff. No information is shared with any other agency or organization.

WHO FURNISHES THE FUNDS FOR THE OPEN DOORS PROGRAM?

These funds come from donations made possible through the generosity of our members and donors in the Invest in Youth annual fund raising campaign. One hundred percent of monies raised through the Invest in Youth Campaign goes directly to help provide assistance through our Open Doors program each year. The YMCA also receives some funding as a participating United Way agency.

YMCA members can feel great knowing that they are involved in an organization that cares deeply for the health and well-being of people and is committed to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE YMCA BRANCHES LISTED:

Alexander County YMCA
260 Black Oak Ridge Road
Taylorsville, NC 28681
828-632-9699

YMCA of Iredell County
828 Wesley Dr.
Statesville, NC 28677
704-873-YMCA (9622)

Barium Springs YMCA
P.O. Box 38
Barium Springs, NC 28010
704-883-0780

Please allow 10 days to process your application. After this period a YMCA representative will contact you with approval or to request additional information.

YMCA Mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that promote healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

A United Way Agency



ALEXANDER COUNTY YMCA OPEN DOORS PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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The mission of the YMCA is to help people reach their god-given potential in spirit, mind and body. Part of this mission is to give financial assistance to those that otherwise could not afford to pay for membership and programs. Each year volunteers participate in our Invest in Youth campaign which raises funds for those that need financial assistance. Scholarship applications are processed on a first come first serve basis and are available as funds permit. All information is strictly confidential and is reviewed on an annual basis or as needed.

Income eligibility requirements must be met and required proof of income must be provided with the application. The following documentation may be requested from everyone in the household:

- ◆ Copy of your most recent 1040 tax form
- ◆ Statement from employer verifying salary and hours
- ◆ Court ordered child support verification
- ◆ Statement of disability income
- ◆ Statement of unemployment
- ◆ Statement of any other unearned income
- ◆ Bank statement

In accurate submission of information in order to meet the financial assistance criteria will result in immediate exclusion from the scholarship program for a minimum of 12 months.

The following criteria must be met in order to receive assistance for child care:

- ◆ Parents must be working a minimum of 30 hours per week or enrolled in college full-time (verification required)
- ◆ Parents must notify the YMCA of any income level or enrollment status changes within 10 days of when they occur.
- ◆ Parents must pay the required program fees and registration fees in advance. Delinquent fees may result in termination of scholarship participation and/or services.
- ◆ Scholarships that are approved will be valid for the length of the program.
- ◆ Memberships are reviewed annually.

If parents cannot meet all of the above criteria, dependent children may still qualify for a one time programmatic experience at a discounted rate.



APPLICATION FOR THE OPEN DOORS PROGRAM



% Amount

Alexander County YMCA

Barium Springs YMCA

YMCA of Iredell County

NEW

RENEWAL

This application must be completed by an adult applicant or parent/guardian of a minor. All information is strictly confidential.. Applications for financial assistance are renewed on an annual basis or if income status changes.

Date: _____ Assistance needed for: _____
(What YMCA service? Membership, Program, Child Care, etc.)

Name of person completing application: _____

Total number of people living in your household? _____

Please list every name of every person living in your household, including yourself:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Name of person or persons needing assistance:

NAME

AGE

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Applicant's Address:

Mailing address	City	State	Zip
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Applicant's phone number: _____

Applicant's place of employment: _____

Employer's Address & Phone number: _____

Spouse's place of employment: _____

Employer's address & phone number: _____

Marital Status: _____ Total # of dependents appearing on your tax return: _____

Are you enrolled in any of the following:

_____ Special Lunch/Breakfast program at school

_____ JOBS Program

_____ AFDC

_____ Social Services or other assistance _____

Income Information: (Gross income should be reported)

	Per Month	Per Year	Hourly Wage	Hours worked per week
Mother	_____	_____	_____	_____
Father	_____	_____	_____	_____
Child Support	_____	_____		
Foster Care	_____	_____		
Retirement	_____	_____		
Social Security	_____	_____		
Unemployment	_____	_____		
Disability	_____	_____		
Other	_____	_____		

Expenses:

Rent/House Payment: _____ Auto Payment: _____

Utilities: _____ Other unusual expenses: _____

ITEMS TO ATTACH WITH THE FORM: A copy of your last 2 paychecks stubs from anyone in the household that is currently working, a copy of your 1040 tax form, if applicable: a court ordered letter of child support, social security verification and disability information. The YMCA reserves the right to request additional information in order to be considered for assistance.

My signature certifies that the statements made on this application are correct and complete, and in addition, I authorize the YMCA to verify the information listed above.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: You should be contacted within 10 days of submitting your request. If you have any questions, please contact the YMCA office at 828-632-2232. **Notify the YMCA immediately if your household income changes.**

OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved for assistance: YES _____ NO _____ Amount Subsidized: _____

Date begin: _____ Date end: _____

YMCA Staff approving signature: _____ Date: _____

YMCA Staff contacting: _____ Date: _____

Spoke with someone _____ Left message: _____