



Dear Elmhurst Park District Resident:

Thank you for your interest in Elmhurst Park District programs and memberships. To make our programs and Courts Plus memberships available to all our residents, regardless of their economic situation, a Financial Assistance Program is available to qualified park district residents; however, park district non-residents that are students at school district 205 are eligible to apply for Option D: Recreation Station (before and after school care) only.

Please carefully review the attached materials and please understand that:

1. The Park District recognizes that the personal information furnished by applicants for financial assistance is highly confidential and private. The Park District will not release this information without the applicant's written permission unless such release is required by law.
2. Applicants will not be registered for programs that they are requesting assistance for until after a decision concerning the awarding of assistance has been completed.
3. All information which you provide on the attached form must be true and accurate.
4. All financial assistance must be repaid in full by the recipient if it is found to have been awarded on the basis of false information supplied by the applicant. False information will nullify any request for financial assistance.
5. All requests for financial assistance will be made on the basis of need and availability of funds. Types of assistance available include payment plans, partial assistance or full assistance (see following pages for more details, including limitations on assistance given).
6. Applicants will be notified as soon as practical as to the disposition of their application.

Please return the completed Financial Assistance Application Form with the required documents for verification of financial eligibility to any of the following locations:

**Administration Office**  
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Elmhurst, IL 60126

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If you have any questions, I can be contacted at 993-8195, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Andrea Hampton  
Division Manager - Finance



## ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### MISSION

We enrich lives while having fun! The park district will attempt to provide financial assistance for residents faced with financial hardship.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Elmhurst Park District. Evidence of need must be presented to qualify for financial assistance. Factors defining need include family pre-tax income level (see chart below) or an extenuating financial situation such as medical bills, or current participation in public aid, food stamps, school lunch or subsidized housing programs.

The following household size and pre-tax income criteria will be used for determining initial eligibility for financial assistance for recreation programs.

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Every Two Weeks</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
1	\$27,861	1,072	536
2	37,814	1,455	728
3	47,767	1,838	919
4	57,720	2,220	1,110
5	67,673	2,603	1,302
6	77,626	2,986	1,493
7	87,579	3,369	1,685
8	97,532	3,752	1,876
Each Additional Family Member	9,953	383	192

Income guidelines from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025

### PROCEDURE

Persons requesting financial assistance must complete the “Financial Assistance Application Form” and submit it along with a completed “Elmhurst Park District Program Application Form, “Courts Plus Membership” and/or “Program Application Form” and documents required for verification of financial eligibility to any of the following locations:

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Applications will be individually reviewed and evaluated. Applicants will be notified of the decision as soon as practical after submission of their completed forms.



## LIMITS ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1. Financial assistance is available for Courts Plus membership, Courts Plus programs and recreation programs, except for massages, personal training, tennis private lessons, court time, merchandise, and contractual programs such as Karate, Tai Chi, trips, etc).
2. Applicants will not be registered for programs that they are requesting assistance for until after a decision concerning the awarding of assistance has been completed.
3. If financial assistance is awarded, applicants must then follow regular Courts Plus and Elmhurst Park District registration procedures.
4. Financial assistance is limited to:

### **Option A:** Courts Plus and Recreational Seasonal Programs

- A maximum of \$150 per person / per season (combined winter/spring is a maximum of \$300 per person)
- Can be applied to most Elmhurst Park District programs including Courts Plus programs and Summer Outdoor Pool Passes. Contractual programs are not eligible (Examples: Karate, Tai Chi, trips, etc).
- Applications must be resubmitted each season unless notified otherwise.  
*(fall: September - December; winter/spring: January - May; summer: June - August)*

### **Option B:** Recreational Multiple Season Length Programs (Gymnastics Team, Recital Dance and Impact Dance Programs)

- A maximum of \$450 per person for the entire length of the program.  
*(fall: September - December and winter/spring: January - May)*
- Applicants need only submit one application for the length of the program.
- Assistance excludes fees outside of instruction (Examples: meet/competition fees and costumes).
- No other assistance will be granted for the registrant during the length of the program.

### **Option C:** Sunbeams & Rainbows Preschool

- A maximum of fifty percent (50%) discount for the entire school year.
- Applicants need only submit one application for the school year.
- No other assistance will be granted for the registrant during the school year.

### **Option D:** Recreation Station Before and After School Care (any District 205 student is eligible to apply)

- A maximum of fifty percent (50%) discount for the entire school year.
- Applicants need only submit one application for the school year.
- No other District assistance will be granted for the registrant during the school year.
- Additional assistance may be available through Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network (EWAN), for more information call 630-782-6006.

### **Option E:** Full Day Camps (Mini Funseekers/Funseekers/Camp Canteen/Turf & Surf)

- A maximum of fifty percent (50%) discount for the entire summer.
- Assistance is applied to full day camps only.
- No other assistance will be granted for the registrant during the summer.

### **Option F:** Courts Plus Membership (may be combined with Options A, B, C, D or E)

- A maximum of fifty percent (50%) of cost of a one-year membership per membership
- Applications must be resubmitted each year.

5. Applicants are responsible for all remaining fees after assistance is applied.



## VERIFICATION OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Verification of household income documentation is required and must show the following:

- the amount of income received;
- the name of the person who received it;
- the date the income was received; and
- how often the income is received (specify the pay period)

Examples of the documents you may send to show your current household income:

Earnings/ Wages/ Salary for each job: (1040 federal tax return form / Current paycheck stubs with pay period specified for each wage earner.)

Unemployment compensation / Disability: (Notice of eligibility from State Employment Security Office/ Check stub)

No Income: If your household has no income, send a brief note explaining how you provide food, clothing, and housing for your household and when you expect an income.

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. The Park District recognizes that the personal information furnished by applicants for financial assistance is highly confidential and private. The Park District will not release this information without the applicant's written permission unless such release is required by law.
2. All information on the application must be true and accurate. Financial assistance must be repaid in full by the recipient if awarded and paid on the basis of false information supplied by the applicant and will nullify your request for financial assistance from the Park District.
3. All financial assistance will be awarded on the basis of need and the availability of funds. The Elmhurst Park District reserves the right to approve full or partial funding or to deny an applicant's request.
4. All requests for financial assistance will be evaluated by the Division Manager Finance.
5. Requests for financial assistance will not be considered without submission of written documentation (examples: 1040 federal tax returns, W-2 forms, school/social service agency information, etc.).
6. Applications must be submitted for each year for membership and each season for programs along with the appropriate membership application and / or program registration forms. Granting of financial assistance does not insure continued approval for succeeding seasons.



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

### Applicant Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### People in Household

Number of people living in the household: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth

### Person Completing Application

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship to Participant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Household Income Information

1<sup>st</sup> Adult: Annual Pre-Tax Salary: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Annual Pre-Tax Income: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult: Annual Pre-Tax Salary: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Annual Pre-Tax Income: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Verification of household income is required. (EX: 1040 Federal Tax Return Form/ Current Paycheck Stub w/ pay period)*

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**Type of Assistance Requesting**

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- Applications must be resubmitted each year.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION				
Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Option (REQUIRED)	Season / School Year



*I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct and understand that its accuracy may be verified. I agree to repay, in full, any financial assistance awarded based upon falsified information.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Completing Application

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Upon verification of information supplied on this form, applicant will be notified as to the disposition of their request.

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Application received by Finance: \_\_\_\_\_

Result of Verification of References and Documentation:

- Financial Assistance Awarded:
  - Partial Award or Payment Plan Details: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Full Award Details: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Resubmission Terms: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Financial Assistance Denied:
  - Exceeds income limits
  - Incomplete application
  - Balance due on household \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Letter emailed / mailed to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Division Managers Emailed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Division Manager - Memberships & Division Manager - Registration)

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Signature of Division Manager - Finance