



Scholarship Program Information

River Valley Special Recreation Foundation believes that everyone should have the opportunity to participate in recreational programs. Scholarships are provided for participants faced with financial hardship. All scholarship funds are obtained through donations to the Foundation and through fundraisers. Each year the amount available will depend on scholarship account balance and number of requests.

Qualifications

- Participant must reside within the boundaries of Bourbonnais Township Park District, Limestone Township Park District and Kankakee Valley Park District.
- Participant must qualify to participate at RVSRA (must have a special need or disability).
- Must be able to provide all documentation required. Incomplete documentation will not be accepted and application will be removed from the selection process.

Guidelines

- Proof of residency is required. We will accept a current rental agreement or utility bill.
- All information provided by the applicant must be true and accurate. Financial assistance funds are legally recoverable if paid and awarded on the basis of false information supplied by the applicant.
- Any outstanding balances from previous programs need to be paid in full prior to the Scholarship Application being reviewed. Scholarship funds cannot be applied to outstanding balances owed to RVSRA.
- Space in programs/activities will not be reserved pending receipt of the request from the applicant.
- Scholarships are granted or denied without regard to sex, race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, or national origin of the applicant.
- Limited scholarships are available and will be awarded on the basis of need and availability.
- All information submitted is confidential and is not a matter of public record.
- The financial assistance application and the registration form must be returned as soon as possible.
- The Foundation Board will review the application and the applicant will be notified as soon as possible.
- Scholarship applications must be submitted each brochure.
- Scholarships are not awarded for extra expenses that are not included in the program fee such as supply costs, meals, souvenirs and tournament fees.

- If scholarship covers partial payment, the balance of the fees is required to be paid in full prior to registering for programs in the next brochure.
- Future Scholarship Program Applications may be denied based on lack of participation/attendance or payment of the balance of fees.
- Scholarship awards will not exceed \$100.00 per person, per year, based on documented need, availability of funds, and approval.
- All applicants will be notified of the scholarship outcome by email or phone and a follow up letter will be sent by mail or email.
- If an applicant is denied a scholarship, he or she may reapply at the next registration date.

Procedures

- Scholarship Application must be completed in full. The application must be signed and dated.
- All required documentation must be submitted with the Scholarship Application. Incomplete application or lack of supporting documents will be returned to the applicant.
- Once scholarship is approved, scholarship funds will be deposited in participant's RVSRA account and the parent or legal guardian will be notified via email.

How To Apply

Please return the following items to the River Valley Special Recreation Foundation, located in the RVSRA offices at 1335 E. Broadway St, Bradley, IL, 60915.

- Fill out Scholarship Program Application
- Program Registration form (indicating which programs you would like to register for)
- Proof of Residency
 - Current utility bill
 - Current photo ID
- Copy of all pages of the most recent Federal Tax form (if applicant does not file an income tax return, then additional documentation is required).
- Checking account statements for the previous three months.
- SSA/SSI Award Letter (Disability Income).
- Proof of Application for/or receipt of Benefits from IDHS (Public Aid or Food Stamps).
- Unemployment or Workman's Compensation for previous three months including amount of benefits received.
- Copy of Divorce Decree including alimony and child support amounts.
- If not natural parent, proof of guardianship.



Date of Request: _____
Name of Participant: _____
Name of person completing application: _____
Relation to participant: _____
Address of participant: _____
Phone number: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
Special Need/Disability: _____
Medicare: Yes _____ No _____ Medicaid: Yes _____ No _____

Income Eligibility Information Needed

How many people in household: _____
Group Home: Yes _____ No _____
Income from employment: \$ _____
Income from SSI or SSDI: \$ _____
Pension: \$ _____
Veteran's Benefits: \$ _____
Other Income: \$ _____
Subsidized Housing: _____
School Lunch Program: _____
Total Monthly Income: \$ _____

Monthly Expenditures

Rent/Mortgage: \$ _____	Utilities: \$ _____
Property Tax: \$ _____	Life Insurance: \$ _____
Car Insurance: \$ _____	Car Payment: \$ _____
Credit Cards: \$ _____	Homeowners/Renters Ins: \$ _____
Medical Bills/Pharmacy: \$ _____	
Other (food, bus pass, etc): \$ _____	

Total Expenses: \$ _____	

Comments or other information you wish to add: _____
