



City of Buckeye Community Services Recreation Division Youth Scholarship Program

What is the Buckeye Youth Scholarship Fund?

The City of Buckeye Community Services – Recreation Division maintains a Youth Scholarship Fund to help the youth of Buckeye who do not have the financial means to participate in fee based recreation programs. The scholarship program is supported through donations, sponsorships and contributions made by businesses and individuals throughout the valley. Through these funds, the Recreation Division is able to offer reduced fees for specific Recreation Programs.

Who is eligible?

Buckeye residents may apply for a youth scholarship of up to \$100.00 per calendar year per child to be used towards youth recreation programs. A “youth” is defined as being 17 years of age or younger. Applications are reviewed on an individual basis and are approved if the applicant falls within the income guidelines attached. Income guidelines are on a sliding scale based on the total household income and number of dependents. This determines the percentage that will be subsidized by the Youth Scholarship Fund.

Which programs can I use the Youth Scholarship for?

The Buckeye Youth Scholarship cannot be used towards licensed care programs (Kid’s BASE, Break Programs, Lil’ Squirts Pre Schools and Summer Camp).

Is it possible to join a City of Buckeye Recreation program for free?

The City of Buckeye Recreation Division offers several recreation opportunities at no cost. Programs that have associated registration fees require a minimum \$3.00 co-pay for each program/class.

Applicants will also be responsible for all applicable late fees. Late fees may NOT be deducted from the awarded scholarship amount. Once the scholarship is awarded, participants who choose not to participate in the program will not be given credit toward another program. Credits will not be given for programs paid with the Youth Scholarship.

How long does it take to get approved?

Once an application is submitted and all supporting documents are received the Program Coordinator will contact you within 5 business days. Placement in the program that you are interested in is contingent on space availability at the time of registration and not when the scholarship is submitted. **Scholarships are approved based on the availability of funds.**

What supporting documentation is needed to apply?

Please see attached documentation requirements page.

Do I need to reapply for a scholarship each year?

Yes. Need for financial assistance is assessed on an annual basis. Scholarship money expires on December 31st each year regardless of amount used. Scholarship money does not carry over.

May I do anything in return for this assistance?

YES! The City of Buckeye Recreation Division encourages both youth and adults to volunteer. Also, City of Buckeye donors appreciate learning how their contributions are used. Submitting a short note about how you or your family benefited from the scholarship program is appreciated. While we do appreciate your assistance, it is not a requirement for consideration or upon approval of your application.



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Supporting Documentation Requirements**

Below is a listing of the documents required to support income information and residency and is **REQUIRED** to process the application.

**Required Income Supporting
Documentation:**

- Salary / Wages – Attach copies of your income tax return for the most current filing year (IRS form 1040, 1040A, etc. include pages 1 & 2). If you are self-employed include Schedule C. If you did not file taxes last year, submit an IRS 1722 non-filing status form. To obtain this form, call 1-800-829-1040 (W-2 forms will not be accepted)
- Salary / Wages – Along with the tax return, attach copies of the two (2) most recent paycheck stubs from each employer for both the applicant and the spouse. Stub must show gross wages and may not be dated more than 30 days from application date.

**Required Residency Supporting
Documentation:**

- City of Buckeye Water Bill – Water Bill must have the correct name printed on the bill and must be current
- Home / Cell Phone Bill – Phone bill must have the correct name, current date and correct Buckeye address printed on the front of the bill
- Utility Bill – APS/SRP bill is acceptable and must have the correct name, current date and correct Buckeye address printed on the front of the bill
- Vehicle Registration – Registration must have the correct name, current date and correct Buckeye address on the front of the vehicle registration

All scholarships must be submitted to the Recreation Division located at:

Dr. Saide Recreation Center
1003 E. Eason Ave.
Buckeye, AZ 85326

If you have any questions regarding the Youth Scholarship Applications or the documentation required, please contact the Recreation Division at 623-349-6350.