

Reduced Fee Criteria and Eligibility for Recreation, Bloomington Ice Center and SOAR Programs

The department of Parks & Recreation will allocate up to \$5000 annually for fee reductions. Fee reductions will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. If funds are depleted prior to the end of that fiscal year (May 1 - April 30) the reduced fee program will be complete for that year.

Reduced fees will be limited to a maximum of \$200 per person, per fiscal year (May 1- April 30). Eligible Summer Day Camp participants may receive up to 25% reduction and eligible Recreation, SOAR, and Ice Center Program participants may receive up to a 50% fee reduction per program.

- Applicants **must provide proof of residency** (i.e. current monthly bill with address).
 - Recreation and Bloomington Ice Center program participants must reside within the corporate city limits of Bloomington.
 - SOAR participants must reside within McLean County.
- **Participants must be 18 years of age and under** for Recreation and Bloomington Ice Center programs. Proof of age may be requested by our office but is not required at application. There is no age limit for SOAR participants.
- Total family income does not exceed 185% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. See our [website](#) for the current Max. Annual Income per Family Size chart.
- Applicants **must provide income documentation**. Individuals receiving Public Aid *must submit an official public aid form listing public aid income received and all members who are eligible*. Individuals not receiving public aid, but who are able to document a hardship case can submit income tax returns, social security assistance, recent pay slips or any other document that will show a record of the family's annual income.
 - *Applicants are guaranteed that their personal finances will not be discussed outside the department. It is the primary responsibility of the Department to maintain a level of privacy regarding the applicants' financial status.*
- Applicants must provide a **completed application**, along with their income and residency documentation. A minimum of 50% deposit for each program (Day Camp participants must pay the initial reduced fee at enrollment for the first week/participant) to secure a place in the program. If a deposit is not given, the program may be filled while the process is being completed.



Application for Reduced Fee Assistance – Recreation/Bloomington Ice Center/SOAR

Parent/Guardian Name:

Address (Street/City/State/Zip):

Primary Phone #:

Secondary Phone #:

Email Address:

Employer(s) Name:

Employer Phone #:

Number of individuals residing at above address: Adults: Children:

Provide details for eligible participants and interested programs on 2nd page of this Document.

Applicant's (Parent/Guardian) *Current Monthly Income*:

Applicant's Current Annual Gross Income as reported on income tax return:

Provide information on any other *earned or unearned income* such as child support, alimony, reserve pay, retirement, food stamps, Public Aid, AFDC payments, etc. (documentation must be provided for each mentioned).

Other income source and amount:

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Extenuating Circumstances?

Unemployment: Extensive Hospital Bills: Other (please explain):

Documentation required with application:

- Proof of Residency (recent utility bill, lease agreement, etc.)
- Proof of Income (most recent Tax Return, Pay Stub(s), Public Aid, etc.)

I certify that all the information provided on this application is true and correct and that all income is reported. Bloomington Parks & Recreation Department Staff may verify the information.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

FY/SEASON: _____

REVIEWED/APPROVED/DENIED: _____

DATE CONTACTED: _____

RATIONALE IF DENIED: _____

PAYMENT PLAN (Y/N): _____

DATE PAYMENT IS DUE: _____

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Customer Account Validation:

If you are a previous customer, please log into your account and confirm your family members' profiles, including address and contact information is up-to-date.

If you are a new customer, you will need to create an account online at www.BloomingtonParks.org once you've been notified that your application has been approved. If you need assistance contact our office at 309-434-2260. We are available by phone Monday - Friday, 8am to 5pm.

Requested Programs:

NOTE: contracted programs, trips, tours, gymnastics/dance, etc. are not eligible for reduced fees. Contact our office if you have any questions about a particular program's eligibility.

Name of Participant:

Name of Program:

Start Date of Program:

Program Fee:

Waiver & Release of Acknowledgement

- I give my permission for pictures to be taken of participants to be used by SOAR/Parks & Recreation for the purpose of promotion and education.
- I give my permission for the participant to receive transportation in vehicles owned or rented by SOAR/Parks & Recreation for use in programs and special events.
- I understand that Bloomington Parks & Recreation/SOAR does not carry medical insurance and assumes no liability for personal injuries or loss of personal property while attending department activities. A participant's own policy must cover any medical costs incurred.
- I understand that to be eligible for a refund or credit to the account, the request must be received no less than five (5) full business days prior to the start of the program. A \$5 service charge will be assess per participant, per activity on any refund. No refunds for programs costing \$5 or less. Refer to the program guide for more information about illness/injury related requests.

Signature:

Date: