The purpose of this scholarship is to assist families who cannot normally afford sporting, cultural or enrichment type activities for their children due to difficult economic hardships. There is a limited amount of funds available for our programs. All scholarship applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and subject to class/program availability. The Billings Parks and Recreation Department will approve applications that qualify under the guidelines listed below:

- **Who is eligible to receive a scholarship?** Any Billings youth, up to age 16, who resides within the Billings city limits.
- **What program does this apply too?** Any and all current City of Billings Recreation Division youth program or activity. Each youth will be limited to one program or activity per season. *(For each season a new scholarship form MUST be filled out.)*
- **How much can applicants receive?** Applicants who bring a copy of their previous years’ tax return statement *(Form 1040)* is eligible up to 75% off, or maximum of $100.00. For any applicants who do not file taxes can be eligible for up to $25 off if they can provide some sort of verification of income such as a pay stub, child support, food stamp/government documentation etc.
- *(In fairness to all City taxpayers, we request this information to assure that all applications approved are legitimate and that this practice is not abused.)* Federal income guidelines for assistance *(available upon request are based on the paperwork/forms provided will be used for determine what applicants are eligible for.)*
- **How do I apply?** All applicants **must be over 18, be the parent/guardian of the youth, and apply in person** at the Parks and Recreation Office and fill out the information on this form. Applications forms are not accepted over the phone, faxed, emailed or from children. **Applicants must bring proof of verification of income.** Processing a scholarship can take up to 30 minutes to process.
- **Office hours are Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, but scholarship applications will not be accepted after 4:30p.m.**

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