



YOUTH SWIM LESSONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The City of Lake Jackson Park and Recreation Department maintains a scholarship fund to help those who do not have the financial means to participate in swim lessons. *We believe every child should have the opportunity to learn lifesaving swimming skills regardless of the ability to pay.*

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Who can qualify for a scholarship?

Scholarships are only available for youth up to age 17 and available for families that meet **at least one** of the following:

- ✓ Participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch program
- ✓ Receive Subsidized housing (HUD)
- ✓ Receive Social Security benefits
- ✓ Youth applicant participates in the Head Start program
- ✓ Qualify for government-subsidized childcare
- ✓ Currently receive Medicare or Medicaid assistance for the youth applicant
- ✓ Currently receive food stamps for the family

What can the scholarship be used for?

Scholarships are for public swim lessons **only**; private swim lessons or other aquatic programs do not qualify.

Is there a maximum scholarship amount that can be given?

- The typical financial award is \$40 per child, per year, which is the cost of one swim lesson sessions. There is no maximum amount a family can receive within the same calendar year and depending on the success of the fundraising efforts, additional scholarships may be granted.
- Applications and all supporting documentation will be kept on file through the fiscal year, but blanket approvals will not be granted. Parents who would like to apply for additional lessons during the same fiscal year may need to complete a new request form.

How do they apply?

- Applications are available for download on our website www.lakejackson-tx.gov/parks or may be picked up from the Lake Jackson Recreation Center and will be accepted throughout the year.
- Completed applications and proof of the qualifying income-assistance service received can then be submitted in person or mailed to the Lake Jackson Recreation Center, Attn: Robin Brant, 91 Lake Road, Lake Jackson, TX 77566.
- Applications will be reviewed, and notifications will be provided within 10 business days of receipt. Applications submitted without sufficient supporting documentation will delay the process.

Once approved how do they register for class?

- Once approved, families will be notified with instructions for swim lesson enrollment procedures and deadline to use allotted funds.
 - Scholarships are valid for the upcoming fiscal year or the duration of the current fiscal year upon approval (Fiscal year is October 1 – September 30).
 - Awarded Scholarship funds not used by the deadline date will be forfeited and families will be required to apply again for the new fiscal year.
- Scholarship approval does not guarantee swim lesson session availability; it is up to the family to enroll the child as quickly as possible to ensure the desired session is not full.
- Scholarship recipients are not given program registration priority and are subject to program minimum and maximum participant registrations.
- Applications must be approved prior to program registration to receive registration fee waiver. Refunds will not be given for lessons paid for before scholarship approval.



YOUTH SWIM LESSONS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Head of Household: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please check all of the following that apply to your household:

- Free/Reduced Lunch
 Subsidized Housing (HUD)
 Social Security
 Head Start
 Medicare/Medicaid
 Government-subsidized childcare
 Food Stamps
 Other: _____

Checking of any of the above does not guarantee eligibility. Proper documentation is required for each individual. Request submitted without proper documentation and verification of all items checked above will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

Dependents who you are requesting a scholarship:

Name	DOB	Age	Relationship

The City of Lake Jackson reserves the right to revoke a Swim Scholarship offered to an individual. All scholarship recipients are expected to abide by rules and regulations of the program and to treat park and recreation facilities and staff with proper respect. Applications who have a history of program nonattendance after receiving scholarship awards are subject to having scholarship revoked. Applicants who provide incorrect, incomplete or false eligibility information to the City will not be eligible for scholarship.

I certify that all the information on this application is true and correct. I understand that Lake Jackson Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to revoke any scholarship monies awarded if it is discovered I withheld or provided false information.

Signature of Head of Household: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only Date Application Received: _____ By (Emp. Initials): _____

Application Reviewed/Verified By: _____ Date: _____

Notes: _____

Approval/Denial:

Child's Name	Approve	Deny	\$ Awarded	Exp. Date	Class Attended