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## YCARES Sliding-Fee Scale Financial Assistance - EZ App

With a commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility, the Raritan Bay Area YMCA ensures every individual has access to the essentials needed to learn, grow and thrive.

We welcome all who wish to participate and believe no one should be denied access to the Y based on their ability to pay. The YCARES scholarships, provides assistance on a sliding scale to youth, adults and families based on individual needs and circumstances.

Determining assistance amounts is handled in a fair and consistent manner. Every YMCA member receives the same membership benefits, regardless of whether or not they receive a scholarship. YMCA members can feel confident knowing they are a part of an organization that cares greatly for the well-being of all people, and is committed to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.



### How to apply:

1. Complete the EZ financial assistance application.
2. Attach a copy of your most recent federal income tax returns.
3. Attach the two most recent paycheck stubs or letter from your employer verifying your employment and stating your annual salary. If you are unemployed, receive social security benefits or a full-time student, please provide a summary of your benefits, SSI paperwork, or financial aid benefits and student schedule.

**Please mark out all Social Security numbers, tax ID numbers and/or credit card numbers before submitting any paperwork.**

## Processing of Application:

1. Applications must be submitted with all required documentation. Incomplete applications cannot be processed. All financial assistance is distributed on a case-by-case, first-come, first-served basis.
2. Processing of the application may take up to 10 business days following receipt of all required documents.
3. Upon the written determination letter, you will have 30-days to activate the membership. After 30-days of inactivity, the financial assistance awarded will be terminated and all documents will be shredded.
4. Assistance is granted for a maximum of one year, at which time a new application must be completed. Renewal applications must include a letter of impact stating what this support has meant to you and your family.

## Frequently asked questions

### **Q: Who is eligible for YCARES Financial Assistance?**

A: Anyone may apply for membership assistance. Approval of the application is made on an individual basis. The YMCA uses a sliding-fee scale guideline (which is adjusted yearly) based on total household income and number of dependents. The scale assists the staff in determining the amount of scholarship awarded and its applicable time frame.

### **Q: How will the Financial Assistance amount be determined and how quickly can I expect to receive word on my application?**

A: Scholarships are determined on an individual basis using a sliding-fee scale guideline. Once the application and required documents are submitted to the designated staff member, the YMCA will contact you as quickly as possible to review the outcome of your application.

### **Q: How long will YCARES Membership Assistance continue?**

A: Need for assistance is assessed at time of request and reviewed annually.

### **Q: Who will be reviewing my YCARES application?**

A: Your privacy is very important to us. Your application and supporting documents are treated as highly confidential.

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