

City of Sacramento  
**Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Report**  
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**YPCE Scholarship Program Updates**

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**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Receive and discuss.

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**Presenter:** None

**Attachments:**

1-Description/Analysis

2-Youth Program Scholarship Fund Flyer

**Description/Analysis**

**Issue Detail:** The Department of Youth, Parks and Community Enrichment is offering the following scholarship opportunities to allow access to fee based recreational programming citywide.

YPCE Youth Program Scholarship Fund:

As part of the FY25 budget, YPCE restructured the previous Youth Sports Field Usage program to expand eligibility to youth-serving facilities and programs to create the YPCE Youth Program Scholarship Fund. YPCE provides core services and programs citywide, including in our priority neighborhoods for under-resourced youth and families.

This dedicated funding and an expansion of eligible core service programs will allow YPCE to increase the number of participants served through this fund from an average of 750 youth annually to over 7,000 this upcoming fiscal year. The Fund will be available to youth-serving organizations that utilize sports fields and youth ages 0-24 in the following programs:

- Summer camps (Summer Oasis, Kids Camp, Teen Scene, etc.)
- REC Preschool Program
- Youth sports programs (Jr. NBA, NFL Flag Football)
- 28<sup>th</sup> & B Skate and Urban Art Park (Skate Session Pass)
- Water safety programs (Swim Lesson, Swim Team, Junior Lifeguard, etc.)
- Lifeguard training
- Summer Reading Swim Pass Program
- Youth special events (Kids Night Out, etc.)

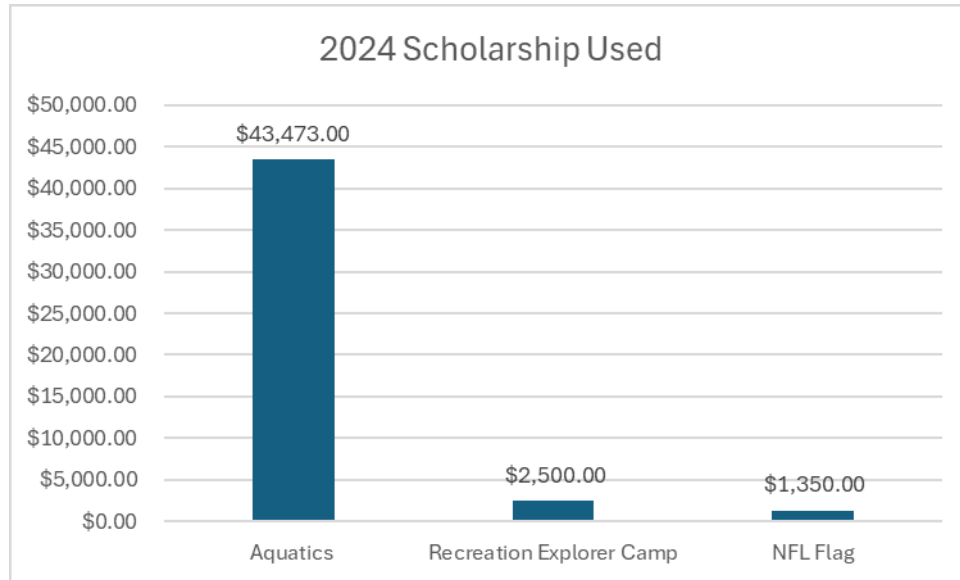
The restructured YPCE Youth Scholarship Fund application became available beginning September 3, 2024. Applications can be submitted online at [www.cityofsacramento.gov/YPSF](http://www.cityofsacramento.gov/YPSF), via email to [YPSF@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:YPSF@cityofsacramento.org), or in person at any community center front desk.

In order to qualify for the YPCE Youth Scholarship Fund, participants will need to complete the following steps:

1. Create or verify you have an active City of Sacramento ActiveNet account.
2. Complete the Community Enrichment Scholarship application online at:  
<http://www.cityofsacramento.gov/YPSF>
3. Attach or upload required documentation to determine scholarship eligibility:
  - a. Submit a current Notice of Action Letter verifying the household's or applicant's enrollment in one of the following programs: WIC, CalFresh, CalWORKS, TANF, MediCal
4. Submit your completed application and documentation online or send your completed application with documentation to [YPSF@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:YPSF@cityofsacramento.org)

Within 21 days, a staff member will notify applicants of their households YPSF status, award percentage, and how to register for eligible YPCE programs. Flyers (Attachment 2) explaining the scholarship application process will be posted and shared at YPCE facilities. Below is a table showing the current 2024 scholarships used.

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Community Center/Clubhouse Rental Fee Waiver & Reduction Program:

In 2018, Council adopted a resolution that authorized fee waivers and reductions for qualifying organizations and uses, including but not limited to, community-based organizations and non-profits and activities that demonstrate a community benefit. Examples include neighborhood association meetings, health and wellness resources and programs, social service referrals, etc. This waiver program was unfunded prior to FY25 and associated rental costs are absorbed in YPCE’s operating budget, which has historically been offset with vacancy savings. During the FY25 budget process, funding was allocated that will allow the program to continue while YPCE reviews and updates the fee waiver and reduction guidelines with the application of the equity resource guide and tool. In 2023, the Community Centers booked 1,524 rental permits, including weddings, quinceaneras, birthdays, and family celebrations. With City Council Resolution No. 2018-0371, \$167,000 in fees were waived for community organizations and non-profits. So far in 2024, YPCE has issued rental fee reductions in the amount of \$57,104 to a combined 10 youth and family organizations. Staff are currently working to update the resolution to include an updated equity lens to the policy.

Hart Fun Pass and Triple R Scholarship

The Hart Fun Pass, funded by the E.M. Hart Trust Fund, is a fee waiver program for Older Adults 50+ unable to pay for participation in fee-based recreation programs sponsored by the Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment. A resident who applies and qualifies for the program receives a \$100 credit to be used during a calendar year toward their chosen City-sponsored leisure opportunities.

These programs range from art, writing, fitness classes, computer instruction, sports programs, day

trips, and special events. Programs are offered at various locations throughout the city including several community centers and the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center in midtown Sacramento. A complete listing of program offerings can be found in the seasonal Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment “Come Out and Play” Recreation Guide available at community centers and libraries throughout Sacramento.

The Hart Trust Fund also provides scholarships on a sliding scale for Triple-R participants. Triple-R is a state licensed social model adult day program for people with dementia and their caregivers. Triple-R, which stands for Recreation, Respite and Resources, provides individualized, person-centered care in a group setting while family caregivers take a break from their 24/7 responsibilities. Last year, \$47,695 in scholarships for 81 Triple-R participants provided 795 free days of respite.

#### Access Leisure Scholarship

The Access Leisure Fun Pass is a fee waiver program for current Access Leisure participants or city residents who are unable to pay for participation in fee-based recreation programs sponsored by the Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment. A resident who applies and qualifies for the program receives a \$150 credit to be used during a calendar year toward their chosen City-sponsored leisure opportunities.

These adaptive and inclusive recreational programs include youth and teen programs, adult social programs and adaptive sports. The link to the application can be found on the City’s website at: <https://www.cityofsacramento.gov/ypce/access-leisure/about-access-leisure>.

**Policy Considerations:** None.

**Economic Impacts:** None.

**Environmental Considerations:** Not applicable.

**Sustainability:** Not applicable.

**Commission/Committee Action:** Not applicable.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Commission receives updates on scholarship programs to assist with communication to City of Sacramento constituents.

**Financial Considerations:** Not applicable.

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** Not applicable.

# YOUTH PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The YPCE Youth Program Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for Youth (0-24 years) from low-income households to cover registration and membership fees for eligible City of Sacramento YPCE programs.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A YPSF

1

### VERIFY ACCOUNT

Create or verify you have an active City of Sacramento ActiveNet account.



2

### COMPLETE THE YPSF APPLICATION

Fill out the Youth Program Scholarship Fund Application at [www.cityofsacramento.gov/YPCE/Recreation/YPSE](http://www.cityofsacramento.gov/YPCE/Recreation/YPSE).



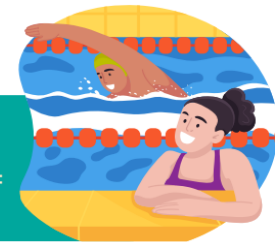
Scan to View Application



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### UPLOAD REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Upload or attach required documents: a current Notice of Action Letter verifying the household's or applicant's enrollment in one of the following programs: WIC, CalFresh, CalWORKS, TANF, MediCal.



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### SUBMIT APPLICATION

Submit your completed application and documentation online or send your completed application with documentation to [YPSF@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:YPSF@cityofsacramento.org).



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### AWAIT NOTIFICATION

Within 21 days, a staff member will inform you of your YPSF status and registration instructions for eligible programs.

For more programs and events, visit us at [www.cityofsacramento.gov/ypce](http://www.cityofsacramento.gov/ypce)

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