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Open Doors Program

READ THIS INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FORM

The Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA is a non-profit membership organization committed to strengthening the foundations of community through programs that promote a healthy spirit, mind and body for everyone, regardless of ability to pay. Financial assistance is provided to the extent possible to those in need, due to financial hardship or an unexpected emergency. That is why we offer our Open Doors Program and review applications on an individual basis. Funding for all financial assistance comes from the **YMCA Community Support Campaign**.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA believes that a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed if members have contributed to the cost of their YMCA involvement. Therefore, Open Doors applicants will be asked to pay a portion of the membership and program fee. As a result of the current economy, we continue to see an all time high in scholarship requests for membership and program access. In order to continue to provide financial assistance to others, your portion of the scholarship may be subject to increase when you reapply. Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first serve basis as funds are available. *Approved for 6 months.

Applicants requesting financial assistance must fill out the attached form and provide all the information required. **Incomplete forms will be returned.** We need to be aware of your income and expenses so that we can provide financial assistance in a fair and consistent manner. Financial information is confidential and not kept on file. Financial information is destroyed once it has been considered. To process your application, you will need 2 most recent pay stubs, most recent tax return (front page only), social security/disability award letter or copy of any other assistance you may receive (TANF, unemployment, food benefits, etc.). You are responsible for making copies of your information. Falsification of information could lead to immediate termination of your membership or denial of a program scholarship. If you feel that there are special circumstances that should be considered, please provide that information in writing along with your application and proof of income and dependency.

Allow 7-10 business days to process a membership or program application. All scholarships are awarded for six months at a time and are generally discounted 15-50%. Once all of the required documentation has been verified, your application will be processed and you will be notified of your status.

All Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA participants receive the same membership and program benefits, regardless of whether or not they are receiving financial assistance. Members can feel good knowing that they are involved in an organization that cares greatly for the health and well-being of the people in their community.

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YMCA Open Doors Application

PLEASE CHECK ONE: NEW APPLICANT <input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL <input type="checkbox"/>	
APPLICATION RECEIVED DATE: ____/____/____	
RECEIVED BY YMCA STAFF:	BRANCH:

YMCA Open Doors Financial Assistance is provided for 6 months at a time and must include your **total household income**. Assistance will be reviewed for eligibility every 6 months. As a participant in the program, it is your responsibility to update your Open Doors Application prior to the renewal date. Your membership and/or program will go to **full price** if you do not renew your Open Doors information and provide proof of income before this deadline.

Required Documentation: Please attach copies of the following items to your completed application before you submit for processing. This application will be processed only if it is complete and the required items are attached:

- ___ A copy of the most recent tax return (1040 or 1040 EZ) for everyone living in the household OR verification of non-filing (Phone Number for the IRS is 1-800-908-9946)
- ___ The last 2 paycheck stubs of everyone in the household who is working
- ___ Proof of Social Security or Social Security Disability Income if applicable
- ___ Proof of any other sources of income if applicable, (e.g. Unemployment Compensation, Food Stamps, etc.)
- ___ A copy of your school schedule if applying for child care and you are a non-working student

Applicant Information: (Please print clearly) How did you hear about the YMCA?

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Email Address: _____ YMCA Branch: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ Gender: (circle one) Male Female

2nd Adult's First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

Other Adults and/or Dependents: Use an additional sheet if needed.

First Name	MI	Last Name	Age	DOB	Gender
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

To submit your application, please take it to your local YMCA or call the location to request fax/email information.



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This is a financial assistance application for: (You may check as many as you may need assistance with)
 ____ PROGRAM: () Aquatics () Youth Sports () Adult Sports () Other _____

____ CHILD CARE: () Before/After School () Summer Day Camp () Preschool

____ NEW MEMBERSHIP or ____ RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP: What type?

- Single (22-62) Youth (11-17) Senior (63+)
 Family (Household w/Dependents) Student (18-21) Senior Couple (63+)

How much can you afford to pay? Membership per month: _____ Child Care per month per child: _____

Please Note: It is unusual that 100% financial assistance is provided by the YMCA.

TOTAL MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENSES:

Monthly Income

Monthly Expenses

Your gross income	\$	Rent/Mortgage	\$
2 nd Adult's gross income	\$	Utilities	\$
Other Adult's gross income	\$	Telephone	\$
Child Support Receiving	\$	Vehicle Payment	\$
Aid to Dependents	\$	Vehicle Insurance	\$
Welfare	\$	Medical/Dental Expenses	\$
Alimony Receiving	\$	Tuition/College Loans	\$
Food Stamps	\$	Alimony Paying	\$
Social Security	\$	Child Support Paying	\$
Social Security Disability	\$	Childcare	\$
401K/Retirement Funds	\$	Other	\$
Annuity/Investment Income	\$	Other	\$
Other Income	\$	Other	\$
Total	\$	Total	\$

Please list any special circumstances for us to consider. _____

Have you completed the entire Open Doors Application and attached the required documentation?

____ Yes ____ No Your application **cannot** be processed without documentation. Please see page 1 of this application for the types of acceptable documentation. Please allow 7 to 10 business days for this application to be processed.

I certify that all information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false information will disqualify me from participating in this organization. I understand that the decision to grant a fee reduction is at the sole discretion of the YMCA if funds are available. I understand that I must renew my financial assistance every 6 months. This is not a guarantee that I will continue to receive a reduction of fees. I understand that failure to renew this financial assistance will **NOT** terminate my membership and/or program status but **WILL** result in an increase of dues to the full price. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify the YMCA of any changes in my personal information including change of address, phone number or changes in my financial situation. We want to be good stewards of the money awarded, and therefore strongly encourage you to use the membership/program(s).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Our Mission: "Helping people reach their God-given potential in spirit, mind and body."