

Healthy Island Youth Initiative Physical Activity Scholarship PROGRAM INFORMATION

Background

Island County Public Health (lead agency) and North Whidbey Park and Recreation District (fiscal agency) have partnered to provide scholarships to children and youth to encourage them to be physically active. Scholarship funds have been provided by (list service organizations, foundations, individual donors). This program is a result of Island County’s *Healthy Island Youth Initiative (HIYI)*, which helps increase physical activity and healthy nutrition opportunities for Island County youth.

Purpose

HIYI Scholarships can be requested to cover registration fees, equipment vouchers, and other expenses that are a barrier to a child/youth pursuing an organized physical activity anywhere throughout Island County. The goal of offering HIYI scholarships is to provide confidential support to Island County children and youth who, without this financial assistance, would not be able to participate in a physical activity that meets their interests. The HIYI Scholarship Program provides assistance to children and youth from low income families who are not currently being served by existing scholarship or fee waiver programs. The HIYI Scholarship Program provides opportunities for area youth to participate in sports and other physical activities and recognizes the important physical, mental, and character-building benefits such programs provide.

Eligibility

There is a limit to one scholarship per quarter per individual for a maximum amount \$150. Individuals may apply for consecutive quarters. Scholarships are limited to individuals only. Groups and organizations are not eligible to apply.

Priority will be given to children/youth who qualify for or currently receive income assistance and meet one or more of the criteria below:

Qualify for or currently receive assistance from at least one of the programs below:	AND	Meet each of the criteria listed below:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free or Reduced School Lunch Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Aid for Dependent Children Foster Care Medicaid 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live in Island County Enrollment in an Island County K-12 school (includes homeschooling & private schools) Commit to attend a minimum of 80% of scheduled practices and games/lessons Not be currently served by an existing scholarship or fee waiver program

A scholarship committee with representatives from Island County Public Health (ICPH), North Whidbey Park and Recreation, South Whidbey Parks and Recreation and Coupeville School District will decide eligible applicants.



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Healthy Island Youth Initiative Physical Activity Scholarship APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ FIRST: *Applications must be signed by a sports/recreational/physical activity organization for which the scholarship is being sought. Parents/guardians should complete the application and submit it to the organization for signature and then submit it to Island County Public Health with documenting evidence noted in the eligibility section.*

Instructions for Parent/Guardian

1. Complete the one page HIYI Scholarship Application form. Make sure to sign and date.
2. Attach official documents signifying the child is receiving aid. Document should note name of child or parent and date of eligibility; please black out any identifying numbers (SS#, birthdates). If such documents are not available, a school employee, social worker, or case worker must sign the form to verify eligibility. Additionally, ICPH staff can verify financial eligibility for the noted programs, following federal guidelines based on family size and income.
3. Request signature from sports/physical activity organization and copy of program registration materials.
4. Submit the application, documentation of low income, and program registration materials to ICPH via mail (Island County Public Health, Chronic Disease Prevention Program, PO Box 5000, Coupeville, WA 98239) or fax (360-679-6570).

Applications must be submitted by the following deadlines:

Summer Season: June 1

Fall Season: September 1

Winter Season: December 1

Spring Season: March 1

Eligible applicants will be confirmed and awarded scholarships beginning one month after the application deadline. Registration waivers will be sent directly to the sports/physical activity organizations and equipment/shoes will be reimbursed directly to the family once a qualified receipt is obtained.

Questions? Please contact ICPH at 360-221-8486 or carriem@co.island.wa.us

Island County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all county programs, services and activities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. To request special accommodations call 703-324-4386, TTY 711. Please allow ten working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.



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Healthy Island Youth Initiative Physical Activity Scholarship APPLICATION

Please complete the following information, one application per child.

CHILD / YOUTH INFORMATION:

Child/Youth Name	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Birthdate / /
Address	City	Zip
School (Please note if homeschooled)		Grade
Homeroom Teacher's Name (Current or most recent)		School phone ()
Child/Youth lives with: <input type="checkbox"/> Both parents <input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name		Parent/Guardian Occupation
Home phone ()	Work phone ()	Email
Parent/Guardian Name		Parent/Guardian Occupation
Home phone ()	Work phone ()	Email
Number of households dependents during last tax year		Total Annual Household Income \$

SPORTS / PHYSICAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

Agency/Program Name	
Address	Phone ()
Season for scholarship request, Year: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter	

Has this child/youth ever received physical activity scholarships in the past? Yes No

If yes, from what agency? _____

For which activity? _____



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Parent/Child Commitment and Signatures

CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I understand that my signature authorizes ICPH to obtain verification of all information on this application and that additional information may be necessary for approval of this application. I certify that all of the information on this form is true and correct. **I understand that my child(ren)'s participation in this program requires a commitment to attend a minimum of 80% of the scheduled practices and games. Children/youth not meeting this commitment will not be able to apply for future scholarships for two years. Exceptions to this may be made due to extenuating circumstances that would be discussed with ICPH staff.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Child/Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sports/Physical Activity/Recreation Organization Recommendation and Signatures

Program Applying For	Program Start Date
Any other scholarship funds for this child / youth? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, amount: \$	Total Program Cost \$

HIYI Physical Activity Scholarship Request:

Item	Amount Requested
Program fees (a copy of the registration form must also accompany this application)	\$
Equipment/shoes (family will need to purchase and submit receipt for reimbursement)	\$
Other:	\$
Other:	\$
TOTAL:	\$

I, _____, recommend this child/youth for a
PRINTED NAME OF ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

HIYI Physical Activity Scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents: Submit the completed HIYI application, documentation of low income, and program registration materials to Island County Public Health via mail (Island County Public Health, Chronic Disease Prevention Program, PO Box 5000, Coupeville, WA 98239) or fax (360-221-8480).

Approved by:
 ICPH Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____



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