



YMCA of Cape Breton's Financial Assistance Program

YMCA of Cape Breton wants everyone to have the opportunity to take part in its programs and enjoy its facilities and services. Financial assistance is available through the All Access Program for those who feel they would benefit from joining the YMCA, but are financially unable, not unwilling, to pay the full membership and/or program and service fees. Applying for assistance is easy and confidential. The application process is explained below.

YMCA Mission

We are dedicated to the growth of all persons in spirit, mind and body and in a sense of responsibility to each other and the Global Community.

Frequently Asked Questions?

Who is eligible for the YMCA All Access Program?

Children, youth, adults and families whose financial circumstances make them willing, but unable to pay the full fee for a general membership are eligible for the All Access Program.

How does the YMCA determine how much I pay?

The program has been developed so that each family or individual will contribute as much as they can afford. The amount of assistance will vary according to the total household income and expenses. The amount of assistance will be determined by completing the application process.

Is it possible to join the YMCA for free?

No. Everyone must pay a portion of the fee.

If I qualify for the All Access Program, what is expected of me?

All information you provide will be kept confidential between both the YMCA and applicant. You are required to make regular payments on time and as well as using your membership a minimum of twice a week.

How do I pay for my membership or program?

All applicants must pay their first month's installment upon approval into the program along with making arrangements for the remaining monthly installments. All Access memberships are approved for a four or one year period. It is necessary to reapply and return for an interview to renew your membership.

Where does the money come from to support the YMCA All Access Program?

The YMCA is a charitable organization that raises funds through community contributions, the United Way, and various YMCA fundraising campaigns to assist with this program. The All Access Program is not government funded.

How to Apply for All Access Program

New Applicants

1. Contact the Membership Services desk to discuss one of the YMCA programs available through All Access. Tour the facility and pick up additional program information that may be relevant to you and your program.
2. Complete the application IN FULL, providing all required documentation. The financial assistance rates are assessed on BASIC NEEDS. Include receipts for the items listed. If you are living with someone and sharing expenses, we need documentation confirming TOTAL HOUSEHOLD income. Documentation confirming your income would include wage stubs, child tax benefits, government receipts, bank statements, and/or a letter from your employer. Please provide documents for the past one month. (We will not be able to process an incomplete application.)
3. Please contact the Membership Services desk to arrange for a personal and confidential appointment to discuss your All Access application. Please complete this form and bring with you along with any receipts or other financial information you think is necessary to your meeting.

Renewing Applicants

The aim of the All Access Program is to assist those who are unable to pay the full amount of a membership or other program fee. The goal of the program is build strong kids and strong families, so that each time an applicant renews, they have the means to make greater financial contributions using this program.

We recommend that you come in to renew your membership, providing current documentation, **at least two weeks before** your membership expires, so that we can provide continuous service to you.

Privacy Statement

The YMCA of Cape Breton ensures that all information completed in this form is done so based on informed consent, and will not be made available to any other organization. The information will be used solely for membership communication, research, and philanthropic purposes, and not for commercial gain. Research will only be used to evaluate various programs to better serve the needs of all YMCA members and participants.



All Access Application Form

Please complete & sign this form

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Date of Birth: (Year/Month/Day): _____

Full Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Please list the names of additional family members wishing to join:

First Name: _____ Date of Birth (Year/Month/Day) _____
1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Reason(s) for applying for a Financial Assistance:

I would like to apply for YMCA All Access because I am unable to pay the full fee under any of the standard payment options. If any financial circumstances change, I will notify the YMCA to discuss my financial situation. If I fail to make regular payments, my privileges may be suspended. I understand that my membership cannot be put on hold, unless there is a medical emergency.

Signature (required): _____

Income

Monthly Household Income: \$ _____

Social Assistance and/or WCB: \$ _____

Alimony and/or Child Support: \$ _____

Child Tax Credits: \$ _____

Other Income: \$ _____

TOTAL INCOME: \$ _____

Basic Monthly Expenses

Housing (rent, mortgage) \$ _____

Groceries (family food bill) \$ _____

Child Care \$ _____

Transportation (gas, ins., bus/taxi fare) \$ _____

Utilities (water, power, etc.) \$ _____

Phone \$ _____

Cable \$ _____

Other \$ _____

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ _____

To Be Completed by YMCA Staff

Full Fee \$ _____

Minus All Access Amounts: \$ _____

All Access Fee: \$ _____

Comments: _____
