YES (Youth Empowerment Scholarship) FUND

The YES fund was established based on the mission of Akron Recreation & Parks to provide fun, safe, and affordable opportunities to enhance quality of life and encourage deeper connections within our community. The YES fund will assist families with children 18 years and younger, who meet eligibility requirements, with fee-based Akron Recreation & Parks programming.

YES funds will be available on a first come first serve basis dependent on the amount of funds available. The level of funds awarded will be pre-determined. The applicant will be responsible for any fees above and beyond the amount covered by scholarship funds. The level of support is subject to change on an annual basis.

YES FUNDS FOR 2023 PROGRAMMING

YES will fund youth programming for each eligible participant on the following scale:

- 50% off total programming fee as long as funds are available.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1. Applicants with eligible dependents 18 years and younger that live in Akron.
2. Applicants will need to provide a copy one of the following items to prove eligibility along with their completed YES application.
   - A copy of current Medicaid/CareSource//Molina/Buckeye Health Card
   - Proof of current SNAP Benefits
   - Proof of current Section 8 Housing

HOW DO I APPLY?

YES applications can be found on our website AkronRecreationandParks.com or picked up at any Akron Recreation & Parks Community Center. Completed applications along with all supporting eligibility documentation can be physically turned in at any Akron Recreation & Parks Community Center, submitted via email to Jmourton@akronohio.gov or mailed to:

Jeff Mourton, Scholarship Coordinator
Balch Street Administrative Office, 2nd Floor
220 S. Balch St.
Akron, OH 44302

An approved YES application does not guarantee registration in a program. Applicants must still create a household account at www.akron.recdesk.com and go through the on-line registration process. Once qualified they will be able to select YES pricing on all programs where it is offered.