

City of Santa Clarita – Recreation and Community Services SCORE Scholarship Program Policy – YOUTH

SCORE – Santa Clarita's Opportunity for a Recreational Experience

The SCORE scholarship program provides an opportunity for youth, who otherwise do not have the financial means, to participate in fee-based recreational programs and activities.

SCORE relies on donations from community members, generous businesses and non-profit donors to help meet the needs and fulfill the requests of low-income residents in Santa Clarita.

CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY

<u>Criteria</u> – The Recreation and Community Services division has a limited number of scholarships available for children. **All** scholarships, regardless of requests received, are limited to available funds.

- The amount of the scholarship awarded per child shall depend upon income-eligibility guidelines and for children, ages 5-17, living in the same household as the applicant. The applicant must be the parent or legal guardian of the child.
- Awardees are able to use their scholarship funds towards participation in recreational programs, classes, camps, and community centers. Not for use on Special Events.
- Additional costs (i.e., material fees, uniforms, merchandise, Season's gift certificates) will not be covered.
- Once awarded, all scholarship funds must be used within one year from the date issued or awarded.
 - o If there is a remaining balance at the end of the year's deadline, those funds will be considered forfeited.
 - o If a refund is requested, all SCORE funds will be refunded to the original payment method. SCORE funds have NO CASH VALUE. All applicants must adhere to the City of Santa Clarita's Registration Refund Policy.

<u>Eligibility</u> – Any resident within the City of Santa Clarita's jurisdiction is eligible to apply for a SCORE scholarship for children, ages 5-17, living in their household who meet the eligibility guidelines and provide all necessary documents (meal plan verification or verification of participation in a low-income program, see list of acceptable low-income programs in the application) within the application submission period.

APPLICATION PROCESS & INSTRUCTIONS

- **1.** Verify residency status using the following link: https://residency.santa-clarita.com. The search must indicate "City" jurisdiction not "county."
- **2.** Set up a family account in CivicRec using the following link: https://santaclarita.civicrec.com/CA/city-santaclarita/catalog
- **3.** Submit your completed SCORE application (one form for each legal guardian) and required documentation of participation in a low-income program by the submission period deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Apply online by visiting: santa-clarita.com/SCORE.
- **4.** Your application will be processed and reviewed for approval. If approved, your household name may be entered into a lottery system and names may be randomly drawn until funds have been depleted.
- 5. If your family is selected, you will have one year to utilize those scholarship funds. Funds are non-transferable.
- **6.** Applicants may re-apply the following year.
- **7.** Scholarships awarded will be placed on your CivicRec account (account must be set up prior to application submission).
- **8.** At registration time, you will have the option to pay with SCORE funds. If there is a balance remaining, you must pay the balance before you are registered for the class/program.

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT (661) 250-3700.



City of Santa Clarita – Recreation and Community Services SCORE Scholarship Program - Documentation

SCORE - REQUIRED VERIFICATION ITEMS-YOUTH (5-17 yrs. old)

The following must be submitted with your SCORE application.

RESIDENCY VERIFICATION

Submit one of the following for residency verification:

A copy of your California ID or Driver's License

OR

A copy (dated within the last 3 months) of a utility bill (SC Edison or Gas bill) with the applicant's name to verify your address.

AND

LOW-INCOME VERIFICATION

<u>Submit one from A, B, C or D for low-income verification:</u>

A. Free or Reduced Meal Program from the local school district: A letter of acceptance from the school district with the <u>current school year</u> with each school-aged, child's name on the acceptance letter.

OR

B. Low-Income Verification – A letter of award or benefit with appropriate letterhead (NOT ID card) with the applicant's name and current year printed on the documentation from **ONE OF THE FOLLOWING** reputable government agencies that offer low-income programs:

CalFresh

CalWORKs

Medi-Cal

Subsidized Housing – Section 8

Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI)

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families through California CalWORKs (TANF)

OR

C. Salary/Wages – Attach copies of the last two month's wages for each parent or guardian living in the same household as the child. Stub must show gross wages and may not be dated more than 60 days from the date of the application. This information will be compared with the HUD income guidelines to determine eligibility.

OR

D. Other verifiable government-issued documents illustrating qualifying income status.