

2023 Summer Care Financial Assistance Information

For any parent or guardian who feels their financial income may limit their child's ability to participate in 2023 Summer Care, there are several financial assistance options that might be available to you. Please apply as soon as you are able to as some financial assistance options might operate on a 'first come, first serve' basis.

The Boys & Girls Club is available to help with the application process. Please keep in mind the following are some documents that may be required for the application process for each of these financial assistance options:

- Adult applicant's social security number
- Most current tax return and proof of taxable and non-taxable income
- Child's IEP, or disability

Listed below, there are four financial assistance options that can help you cover some or all of the cost of summer camp costs. Financial assistance options 1-3 are external resources. The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua does not have influence on the approval of these financial assistance applications and cannot provide information on your application status.

In the event that you are denied for financial assistance options 1 or 2, you may apply for financial assistance through the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua (option 3). You must provide a copy of your denial letters from financial assistance options 1 and 2, to be considered for financial assistance from the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua. Financial assistance from the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua is not available for children in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

Proof of income must be provided with financial assistance applications.

Financial Assistance Options Available

- Option 1 – Rekindling Curiosity
- Option 2 – Axuda Financial Assistance Program
- Option 3 – Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua Financial Assistance (**Grades 4 and higher**)
- Option 4 – DHHS State of New Hampshire Child Care Assistance (**Early Learning Center Only**)



Financial Assistance Option 1



Questions and Answers

As a result of school closures and the need to implement remote and hybrid instructional models across the state, as well as the broader community disruption from the pandemic, there are growing concerns around the mental and behavioral health of New Hampshire students.

The preponderance of evidence indicates that students of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities benefit from exposure to short-term summer enrichment programs, including in the areas of challenge, friend-making, positivity, and emotional safety. Additionally, Psychology Today identified important factors to helping student mental health in its March 19, 2020 article, "Improving Student Mental Health During the COVID-19 Crisis." Two of these factors directly related to this program include the benefits of exercise and appropriate social activity.

For many children, especially those from low-income background or with disabilities, accessing summer enrichment opportunities supporting social, emotional, and mental health is more important than ever.

During the summers of 2021 and 2022, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on student social, emotional, and mental health, the Department of Education, using federal COVID-19 response funds, offered this program to help pay the youth recreation camp fees of students from low-income households to improve student social, emotional, and mental wellness and support continued development of the whole child, especially by alleviating student anxiety and trauma resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These experiences were designed to help New Hampshire students return to in-person school with a rekindled curiosity, excited and anticipating a return to academic instruction.

As a result of the success of this program during the summers of 2021 and 2022, the Department of Education will continue the program for summer 2023, and we are hopeful that many families will be able to take advantage of this opportunity.

Q. What youth summer programs are eligible to participate in the program?

A. Eligible youth opportunities include recreation camps, residence camps and seasonal and year-round day camps that are:

- Licensed by the NH Department of Health and Human Services', Youth Recreation Camp Licensing program;
- Operate for at least 10 days per license year for the purpose of providing recreational opportunities; and
- Serve 10 or more youth per day at a place which is continuously or periodically used for such purposes.
- Licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services' Child Development Bureau, Child Care Licensing Unit;
- Licensed to offer School Age Programs;
- Offer summer recreational opportunities; and
- Are in good standing with the Child Care Licensing Unit.

Q. What camp fees are covered?

A. Eligible students and corresponding youth recreation camp fees include:

- Students with a disability, determined by confirmation of an IEP or medical documentation of a disability as defined by ED 1107.4, are eligible for a \$750 camp fee;
- Students from families earning less than 250% of the federal poverty level, determined by federal income tax return and documented non-taxable income, are eligible for a \$600 camp fee; and
- Students from families earning less than 400% of the federal poverty level, determined by federal income tax return and documented non-taxable income, are eligible for a \$450 camp fee.
- Fees support program charges occurring between June 1 and August 31 of the program year including programming, before and after care services, snacks and meals, transportation, registration, and clothing/attire purchased as part of registration.
- Fees that will not be covered by this program are fees charged for late pick up, late payment or cancellation, and fees for miscellaneous uses including snack, meal, clothing/attire/accessories, and/or transportation costs incurred separate from the program.

Q. What is the federal poverty level?

A. The US Federal Poverty Guidelines can be found at <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/povertyguidelines>.

Q. How do I provide confirmation that my student has a disability?

A. Please either upload a current copy of your child's IEP or have your medical professional complete this Disability Determination Medical Professional Letter located at:

<https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/documents/2021-05/disability-determination-medicalprofessional-letter.pdf> and submit it with your application.

Q. Who is administering the program?

A. NHED is partnering with FACTS and ClassWallet to administer the program.

- FACTS receives and reviews NHED-required documentation to verify student eligibility.
- NHED verifies documentation of fees for NH-approved programs upon a parent/caregiver's selection.
- ClassWallet processes fee payment.

Q. How will students be prioritized?

A. Eligible students' participation in the program will be prioritized on a first-come, first-served basis until all program funds are exhausted.

Q. Can NH campers from out of state apply?

A. Children must be New Hampshire residents to meet eligibility requirements.

Q. What is school age?

A. Children must be at least five years of age and no older than 22 years of age by September 1 of the program year.

Financial Assistance Option 2



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The **Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua** is proud to partner with **Axuda** to offer small interest-free loans up to \$600.00.

What is Axuda?

The Axuda program was developed to assist individuals struggling to make ends meet, and now more than ever many people find themselves in that very situation.

Axuda is here to help!

Our main focus is to develop a partnership to provide the Axuda Program as a vital resource to individuals in short-term financial need. Axuda is committed to making a difference within our communities.

Axuda Loan Terms

Borrow up
to \$600

0% Interest
Rate

No Credit
Check

Here are just a few of the many examples of why you may need an Axuda Loan:

- Help to pay for daycare expenses
- Help to pay for utilities
- Help to pay for rent or a security deposit
- To help assist with any type of car expenses and or repairs
- To help with school / college expenses
- To help cover the cost of a much-needed home repair (such as a furnace or hot water heater)
- There are many more reasons to apply for an Axuda Loan

Register & Apply at www.axuda.org.

Contact Janail Archer at jarcher@bgcn.com for further information.

Use Sponsor Code: BGCGN to begin your loan application today!

We invite you to view the Axuda Video at www.axuda.org which illustrates how this online platform can work for you!

Financial Assistance Option 3



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF GREATER NASHUA**

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua
One Positive Place
Nashua, NH 03060
(603) 883-0523

Financial Aid Application

Our Mission:

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Our Vision:

Provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors.

Our Commitment to Inclusion:

We believe every kid has what it takes. The mission and core beliefs of Boys & Girls Clubs fuel our commitment to promoting safe, positive and inclusive environments for all. Boys & Girls Clubs of America supports all youth and teens – of every race, ethnicity, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, socio-economic status, and religion – in reaching their full potential.

Application Process:

1. Complete the Financial Aid Application provided by the Front Office.
2. Provide the supporting documents outlined on the application. If needed, we can make copies for you. Information and materials required for us to make a decision are listed below:
 - Names and/or contact information for the entire household
 - Proof of income or any other assistance your child/family is currently receiving
 - If you have additional financial circumstances that you would like to have considered, please attach to your application.
3. You will receive a phone call as well as a Financial Assistance Determination letter, outlining the financial assistance that you qualify for.



Licensed Child Care Scholarships

Child care assistance helps with the cost of child care. Parents must be working, looking for work or in a training program. There are 11 District Offices in NH that help families apply for child care assistance. Gross family income is used to determine eligibility. Gross family income must not exceed 220% of the federal poverty guidelines. Parents may apply for child care assistance through the Division of Family Assistance.

It is important for you to know that children may be placed on a wait list for child care assistance.

To apply for a NH Child Care Scholarship, go to NH EASY at: nheasy.nh.gov or call 1-800-852-0632.

The advertisement features a hand holding a smartphone on the left. The phone screen displays a text message: "Text Message Sunday 12:52 PM Hey Kenneth, you have an appointment scheduled with us tomorrow at 3-45pm. Is that still good for you? - Text Request Text STOP to opt out". To the right of the phone is the NH EASY Gateway to Services logo. Below the logo, the text reads: "Did you know? You can receive text notifications from DHHS to manage your Medicaid, SNAP, Cash, or Child Care benefits!". At the bottom right, it says: "Go to <https://nheasy.nh.gov/#/signin> to sign up for text notifications."