



Enclosed is the 2026 FYI Grant-In-Aid packet. Please be aware of the following application guidelines:

- Scholarships are issued on a PER HOUSEHOLD basis. A household is defined as all individuals residing at a single residential address, regardless of familial relations or marital status.
- Households may only receive one scholarship per year.
- All FYI Grant-In-Aid recipients must reside within City of Highwood boundaries.** Scholarships are for those in Kindergarten through 12th grade in District 112 and District 113 schools.
- If applicable, leftover 2025 funds cannot be used for programs starting in 2026. Any 2026 funds available in 2025 may only be used for 2026 programs and memberships.
- All information on the FYI Grant-In-Aid application/registration form must be true and accurate. The Park District has the right to delay, deny, cancel, or revoke a scholarship due to the lack of required documents or misuse of grant money.
- Grants cover 100% of program fees up to the seasonal allotment amount. After the allotment has been spent, **any balance on the account must be paid within 5 (five) days. After 5 days, the student will be removed from the program if the balance is not paid.** **See page 2 for programs not covered by FYI.**

Number of Students	2026 FYI GIA Scholarship Maximum (per family/season)
1	\$250
2	\$400
3	\$550
4+	\$700
Summer Camp	2 weeks of camp up to \$700 per student (limited availability)

- 2026 seasons and their registration dates will be as follows:

<u>Season</u>	<u>Registration Begins</u>	<u>Programs Meet</u>
2026 Winter Season	November 5, 2025	January - March 2026
2026 Camp Season	November 19, 2025	June - August 2026
2026 Spring Season	February 11, 2026	April - June 2026
2026 Summer Season	April 29, 2026	June- August 2026
2026 Fall Season	July 15, 2026	August - December 2026

Application Procedures

- Complete, in full, the FYI Grant-In-Aid Application and submit with the required documentation. Applications will not be considered without copies of all required documentation.
- All Applicants are required to provide a copy the current school year Free/Reduced Fee School Lunch Letter.**
- Application/Registration Form must be returned to the Recreation Center of Highland Park, c/o FYI Grant-In-Aid, 1207 Park Ave West, Highland Park, IL 60035. Applications can also be emailed to scholarships@pdhp.org.
- Upon submitting the application, the Park District of Highland Park will notify the applicant by email within 2 business days of their program status and **informed if a balance is owed within 5 (five) days.**



The following programs **DO NOT QUALIFY** for Grant-In-Aid. Please have this list available when registering for any Park District Programs.

District-Wide

Birthday Parties
Daily Admissions
Merchandise (Uniforms/Costumes)
Facility/Equipment Rentals
Picnic Permits
Boating Stickers
Punch Passes

Centennial Ice Arena

Little Falcons Hockey
Daily Fees/Admissions
Punch Passes
Packaged Freestyle Ice

Hidden Creek Aqua Park

Daily Fees/Admissions
Punch Passes

Recreation Center

Punch Passes
Personal Training
*(Except Intro to Fitness for ages 10-11)
Daily Fees/Admissions

Heller Nature Center

Team Building Course

Deer Creek Racquet Club

Private/Semi-Private Lessons
Cardio Tennis
Punch Passes
Daily Fees/Admissions

Sunset Valley Golf Course

Daily Fees/Admissions

Athletics

Track and Field Events
Team Registrations
Volleyball Travel/House League
Adult Athletic Leagues
*(Except Individual Registrations)

PLEASE NOTE: OTHER PROGRAMS MAY BE ADDED TO THIS LIST AT ANY TIME.

FYI – Application and Program Registration Form

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date Received:	_____
Staff Entering:	_____
Date Entered:	_____

Questions? Contact us at scholarship@pdhp.org or 847.579.3101

Registrant Information (Please Print in Ink)

PARENT/GUARDIAN LAST NAME		PARENT/GUARDIAN FIRST NAME		PARENT/GUARDIAN BIRTHDATE	
HOME ADDRESS			CITY	STATE	ZIP
PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER (used to contact regarding program information)			EMAIL ADDRESS (used to contact regarding program information)		

Please list each person residing in your household, including yourself and all dependents:

First & Last Name	Birthdate	Age	Gender	Relationship to Applicant

Required Documentation: Completed Application and Program Registration Form *and* Current Free/Reduced Fee School Lunch Letter.



We encourage participation by everyone and provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with ADA standards. If you require program assistance for special needs, check the box to be contacted by our NSSRA Inclusion Liaison. For more information, please call Julie Nichols at 847.579.3131.

Special Accommodations ADA Information (Check if needed)

Office Use Only

Registrant's Name	Activity Number	Activity Name	Fee	FYI Paid	Family Owes
Total Fees					

Payment Information: If the program cost is over the amount allocated, payment of balance is required within 5 (five) days or you will be removed from the program(s).

I have read and fully understand the important information on the back of this form including warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. Registration will not be processed without a signature.

PARTICIPANT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE (18 years or older or Parent/Guardian) DATE (MO/DAY/YR)

NOTE: PARTICIPATION WILL BE DENIED if the signature of adult participant or parent/legal guardian and date are not on this waiver.

Park District of Highland Park Waiver and Release

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The Park District of Highland Park is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in a safe manner, providing safe aquatic facilities and programs, and holds the safety of participants in high regard. The Park District of Highland Park continually strives to reduce such risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the participant's safety. However, participants and parents/guardians of minors registering for this program must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in recreational activities/programs.

You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward are physically fit and/or adequately skilled for the activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is pregnant, suffers from an underlying medical condition, takes medication, smokes cigarettes, has a family history of coronary disease, or has recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any fitness center activity, or any physical/aquatic activity.

Please understand and recognize that lifeguards are not responsible for providing supervision or assessing your swimming skills or that of your minor child; rather, lifeguards are responsible for enforcing safety rules and responding to emergencies. Adult pool pass holders and parents of minor pool pass holders are solely responsible for supervision of any and all activities contemplated by this agreement. Additionally, children 10 years of age and younger must be supervised at all times by a responsible person, 16 years of age or older. NEVER LEAVE ANY CHILD WITH POOR SWIMMING SKILLS OR 10 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER UNACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR RESPONSIBLE PERSON, 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

WARNING OF RISK: Aerobic and other fitness activities such as passive/resistive weight training, use of stair machines, jogging, free weights, and other training devices are intended to challenge and engage the physical, mental and emotional resources of the participant. Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning, and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury. All hazards and dangers can not be foreseen. Depending on the particular activity, certain risks, dangers and injuries due to overexertion, improper technique, ignoring safety precautions, failing to follow instructions, slips and falls, unfamiliarity with the equipment and/or exercise, equipment failure, failure in supervision/instruction, premises defects and other risks inherent to the particular activity exist. In this regard, it is impossible for the Park District of Highland Park to guarantee absolute safety.

Dependent upon a person's physical condition, age and/or skill level, aerobics and fitness activities can involve a substantial risk of the following types of injuries. This list is by no means complete, but includes some of the more common ones:

1. Heart attack, stroke and circulatory problems
2. Bone and joint injuries
3. Back and neck injury
4. Shin splints
5. Muscle strain and other muscle injuries
6. Foot problems

Swimming and other aquatic activities challenge and engage the physical, mental and emotional resources of each participant. However, despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including but not limited to drowning, head/brain injury, and spinal cord injury. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. The very nature of swimming and aquatic activities are hazardous and risky, including but not limited to fatigue and overexertion, poor swimming skills, failing to avoid dangerous areas, failing to follow rules and regulations, failure of lifeguards to locate victims and/or delay in emergency response time, horseplay, diving or cannon-balling into shallow water and striking the bottom or side of the pool or waterslide, inadequate supervision or instruction, lack of conditioning, becoming disoriented, striking other swimmers, striking one's head on the bottom, slip and falls on the deck or within the locker facility, chemical exposure and all other circumstances inherent to aquatic activities. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the Park District to guarantee absolute safety.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK: Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in this program/activity, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this program/activity (including transportation services and vehicle operations, when provided) and with the use of the Park District aquatic facilities and programs.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this program/activity and to patrons of aquatic facilities, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities and programs connected with or associated with this Pass. I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this program/activity against the Park District of Highland Park, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees. I further recognize and agree that lifeguards and other aquatic staff are not responsible for supervising my activities or the activities of my minor child(ren) and I agree that I am solely responsible for supervising my minor children and/or assessing whether my children are physically fit and/or adequately skilled for aquatic activities. I additionally agree to supervise any children ages 10 and under at all times. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I, or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of use of the Park District's aquatic facilities and programs against the Park District, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees (hereinafter collectively referred as "District"). I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the District from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss that my minor child/ward or I may have or which may accrue to me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with use of the Park District of Highland Park's aquatic facilities and programs.

Special Accommodations ADA Information: The Park District of Highland Park encourages participation by everyone! If you or a family member have special needs and would like to participate in a program, we will be happy to make reasonable modification(s) to meet your needs. Please indicate on the registration form if you would like information regarding our inclusion programs and/or specifically identifying any need for and request for reasonable modification according to the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Park District of Highland Park provides recreation opportunities for all residents of Highland Park. People with and without disabilities are encouraged and invited to register for all Park District of Highland Park programs of interest. People with disabilities will not be discriminated against in the delivery of Park District of Highland Park programs. To discuss our policies, programs or services or to raise a claim of discrimination on the basis of disability, contact our Executive Director at 847.831.3810.

Residency Policy: Recreation program residency rates apply to everyone who lives within Park District of Highland Park boundaries and pays Park District of Highland Park taxes including: residents of Fort Sheridan (60037); portions of the Town of Fort Sheridan that lie within Park District boundaries (60035); and Park District of Highland Park taxpayers who reside on the following Kings Cove (Deerfield) streets: Carriage Way, Bent Creek Ridge, Fox Hunt Trail, Millstone Road, Shag Bark Lane, Smoke Tree Road and Tanglewood Court. All other Deerfield street addresses and residents of Highland Park do not pay Park District of Highland Park taxes and are, therefore, nonresidents of the Park District. Nonresidents pay an additional nonresident fee per program. Nonresident fees are the second fees shown in program descriptions.

Photo & Video Policy: Photos and video footage are periodically taken of participants in the facility, during a special event, or at the District's parks. Please be aware that, by signing this waiver and release you are authorizing the Park District to use these photos and video footage in the District's publications and website without your further permission and without any compensation to you. All photos are property of the Park District. Please call the Communications Office at 847.579.3136 for more information.