



## Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund

### Recreation Program Financial Assistance Application

#### Am I and/or my family eligible?

Eligible individuals and families must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Must be a resident of Pekin Park District.
2. Pekin Park District uses a 3-tier income eligibility chart. Tiers 1 & 2 coincide with the free and reduced lunch program with District 108 schools. (See application for details)
3. Activity attendance and conduct will be a consideration annually when granting funds to repeat families.

#### What type of programs are eligible for scholarship funds?

Scholarship funds can be used for all programs offered by the Pekin Park District Recreation Department except day camps. Funds are not eligible for equipment purchases, facility rentals, or family punch passes (skate rental, water park admission, concessions purchases).

#### Will full funding for programs be provided and how much is available?

Depending on your household size and income, up to 90% of fees may be granted up to specified maximums per family as defined on the application.

#### When and how can I apply?

Applications must be filled out annually. Applications along with supporting eligibility documents are accepted anytime at the Recreation Office in Veterans Memorial Arena, 250 Red Bud Memorial Dr. or may be mailed to Pekin Park District, Attn: Superintendent of Recreation, 1701 Court St, Pekin, IL 61554

#### Do I have to renew my scholarship every year?

Yes, our scholarship program runs January 1 through December 31 of each year. Applications can be accepted starting December 15 for the upcoming calendar year.

#### Where can I send the application?

You can print out an application from our website at: [www.pekinparkdistrict.org/scholarships](http://www.pekinparkdistrict.org/scholarships) or pick up or turn in an application at the Recreation Office in Veterans Memorial Arena, 250 Red Bud Memorial Dr. during normal business hours. Applications may be mailed to Pekin Park District, Attn: Superintendent of Recreation, 1701 Court St, Pekin, IL 61554.

Online submissions are also accepted and encouraged.

#### I've submitted my application and documentation.

#### When will I know if a scholarship has been approved?

Depending on the season, scholarship applications may take between 3-10 business days for a response. Responses are given via email and/or phone. Funds are available on a first come, first served basis until all funding has been issued.

\*Must be able to provide proof of residency, income, and proof of dependents as defined on the application.

#### Our Mission

The Pekin Park Foundation, a 501(c) 3 Not-for-Profit Charitable Organization and classified as a public charity 509 (a)(3), serves as a means by which park supporters can help improve and beautify our parks and expand participation in its activities and programs through a well-defined Gifting Program and a long-term sustaining Endowment Program, in an effort to always further the spirit, culture and tradition of the Pekin Park District.

#### Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund

Recreation program scholarship funds are available to assist low-income individuals and families in participating in Pekin Park District programs. The Pekin Park Foundation provides funding for the Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund established in honor of former Superintendent of Recreation, Terri Gambetti who served Pekin Park District for over 40 years before retiring in 2016.

#### For More Information:

Phone: 309-347-7275

Email:

[recreation@pekinparkdistrict.org](mailto:recreation@pekinparkdistrict.org)

[www.pekinparkdistrict.org/scholarships](http://www.pekinparkdistrict.org/scholarships)



**Instructions**

1. Form must be completed on both sides including information for all members of your household requesting a scholarship.
2. Complete Financial Assistance Scholarship (FAS) Income Guidelines Form
3. Attach Proof of Income (all information is kept confidential and will not be shared)
4. Attach Proof of Residency, Proof of Dependents
5. Attach Park District registration form (if currently registering)
6. Turn forms in to Veterans Memorial Arena, 250 Red Bud Memorial Dr. or mail to:  
 Pekin Park District  
 Attn: Superintendent of Recreation  
 1701 Court St.  
 Pekin, IL 61554
7. You will receive an email response within 3-10 business days regarding the status of your application.

**Eligibility Requirements**

Participants of all ages are welcome to apply for a scholarship; however, the forms must be completed by an adult age 18 or older. Funding for the Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund is provided by the Pekin Park Foundation. Recreation Program Scholarships will be awarded to applicants and dependent household members only. Proof of dependents must be provided. (Tax form 1040, All Kids Health Card, birth certificate, etc...)

All applicants must be Pekin Park District residents, proof of residency is required - a valid driver's license or state-issued ID with your Pekin address, or two of the following: voter registration card, current lease, vehicle registration, home phone bill, vehicle sticker, utility bill.

The family's income should not exceed Financial Assistance Scholarship (FAS) Income Guidelines (see income verification form). Proof of income is required: tax return, current Medicaid card, public aid (i.e. All Kids healthcare card), District 108 free or reduced lunch acceptance letter, or if working, two consecutive pay stubs.

Attendance and participation will be a factor in awarding scholarships from season to season and year to year to financially eligible participants. This is to ensure scholarship funds are being properly used. Pekin Park District reserves the right to approve or deny an applicant's request.

**Recreation Program Scholarship Distribution Chart**

If approved, available monies will be allocated per individual as displayed here.

Income Level	(% Scholarship)/ (% Fees Required)	Max per family per year
<b>Tier 1</b> (see FAS chart pg. 4)	90%/10%	\$500
<b>Tier 2</b> (see FAS chart pg. 4)	65%/35%	\$500
<b>Tier 3</b> (see FAS chart pg. 4)	35%/65%	\$500



**Please provide the following information**

Applicant/Parent/Guardian's Name									
Cell Phone		Home Phone							
Address		Pekin, IL Zip							
Are you currently employed?	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>	E-mail						
Number of persons in household:	Children		Adults						
Years/Months as a Pekin resident:	Years		Months						
Do you:	Own?		Rent?						
Have you ever received a scholarship from Pekin Park District?				Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If you answered no, how did you hear about the scholarship?									
Online <input type="checkbox"/>		Brochure <input type="checkbox"/>		Word of Mouth <input type="checkbox"/>		School <input type="checkbox"/>		Other	
Current year's total projected household income from all sources (please circle range).									
<input type="radio"/> less than \$15,000		<input type="radio"/> \$25,000-\$35,000							
<input type="radio"/> \$15,000-\$20,000		<input type="radio"/> \$35,000-\$45,000							
<input type="radio"/> \$20,000-\$25,000		<input type="radio"/> (If above \$45,000 list amount)							
Type of proof provided:									
Are you a recipient of Public Aid, Unemployment or Aid to Dependent Children (ADC)?				Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>		
Are you currently receiving Energy Assistance Funds?				Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>		
Is your child (ren) in the free subsidized lunch program at school?				Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>		
Is your child (ren) in the reduced subsidized lunch program at school?				Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>		
Public Aid # (if applicable)									
Would you be interested in volunteering opportunities with Pekin Park District?				Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>		
Race/Ethnicity (*Optional data will be used for statistics purposes only.)									
American Indian or Alaska Native		<input type="checkbox"/>		Black or African American		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish		<input type="checkbox"/>		Middle Eastern or North African		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander		<input type="checkbox"/>		White		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Choose Not to Answer		<input type="checkbox"/>		Other (please specify)		<input type="checkbox"/>			

**Please provide the following information regarding all family members who will be using the scholarship**

Name (Last, First)	Date of Birth	Grade	Gender (M/F)	Your relationship to name listed	Check if activity registration form accompanies this form



**Note:** Applicant's income will be verified with tax return, paycheck stub, or other appropriate document.

**Note to Parent/Guardian:** Please circle the size of your household and your total household income below, and sign to verify your income. Household income must be equal to or less than the amounts listed for each pay period for your child to be eligible for the scholarship. You will need to present documentation verifying your income.

**Circle Household Size and Income:**

	<b>Tier 1</b> (Fees Covered) Scholarship 90% / 10% Participant	<b>Tier 2</b> (Fees Covered) Scholarship 65% / 35% Participant	<b>Tier 3</b> (Fees Covered) Scholarship 35% / 65% Participant
Household Size	Annual Income	Annual Income	Annual Income
<b>1</b>	17,667	25,142	32,616
<b>2</b>	23,803	33,874	43,944
<b>3</b>	29,939	42,606	55,272
<b>4</b>	36,075	51,338	66,599
<b>5</b>	42,211	60,070	77,928
<b>6</b>	48,347	68,802	89,256
<b>7</b>	54,483	77,534	100,584
<b>8</b>	60,619	86,266	111,912
Each add'l family member adds:	+6,136	+8,732	+11,328

Income is defined as any monies earned before any deductions such as income taxes, social security taxes, insurance premiums; charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions or fees; (2) net income from non-farm self-employment; (3) social security; (4) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (5) net rental income; (6) public assistance or welfare payments; (7) unemployment compensation; (8) government civilian employment or military annuities; (9) private pensions or annuities; (10) alimony or child support payments; (11) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (12) net royalties; and (13) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts, and other resources that would be available.

OR

If your family is faced with extraordinary bills, obligations or other responsibilities please indicate below, explaining that because of these, payment of fees is not possible at this time.

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I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that all information on the application is true and accurate. Scholarships are legally recoverable if paid and awarded based on false information supplied by the applicant. The submission of false information will nullify any request for waiver of program fees.

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 Signature of Applicant's Parent/Legal Guardian

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 Date