



Financial Assistance Guidelines

Purpose of the Financial Assistance Program

The Rockbridge Area Recreation Organization's goal is to provide excellent recreation opportunities for the entire community. Financial assistance for recreation programs is available to individuals and families who may be facing financial hardship and cannot afford the full cost of recreational activities.

Qualifications and Limitations for Financial Assistance

1. Financial Assistance is available to Rockbridge County, City of Buena Vista, and City of Lexington residents only.
2. Financial Assistance is available for certain general **youth** recreation programs. Programs provided by outside instructors, special events, and co-operative programs with other organizations may not be eligible. Additional Exclusions May Apply.
3. Financial assistance does not impact placement in programs or the order for which wait-listed participants will be reviewed.
4. Forms must be completed and filed each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30)
5. Placement in requested programs is based on program availability.
6. Falsifying information to receive assistance will result in ineligibility for future program participation and/or financial assistance.
7. All registration policies and procedures apply to financial assistance applicants.
8. The Executive Director evaluates each application submitted and makes the final decision on approval of assistance request.
9. If requested, further documentation or references may be requested and required for approval.

Eligibility Guidelines

The following government assistance programs will be used as a means of determining eligibility for financial assistance in RARO programs:

- SNAP / Food Stamps (copy of approval document)
- TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Medical Assistance HFS, WIC, etc. (copy of medical eligibility given as proof at Doctor's office)
- HUD/Subsidized Housing (copy of lease or lease amendment)
- Unemployment benefits (copy of UI benefit approval document)
- Other Benefits Received (provide documentation)

Financial Assistance Application 2025/26

300A White St.
Lexington, VA 24450
Phone: (540)463-9525
www.rarorec.org



Those who are seeking financial assistance must complete the Financial Assistance Application Form with the required documents. Completed applications should be turned in at the RARO Office located at 300A White St, Lexington, VA 24450.

Applicant's name (Head of Household)

Home Address, City, ZIP

Phone Number _____ **Email** _____

- 1. Please list each household member (under the age of 18) that financial assistance would apply to:**

	Name	Age	Relationship to applicant
A			
B			
C			
D			
E			

- 2. Required documents to submit with an application:**

- If registering for a program with assistance available, a Program Registration form is required.
- Proof of Residency (copy of Driver's License, State ID, or Current utility bill with name and address)
- Proof of Government Assistance Program or Financial Hardship Explanation

I certify that the above information is true, accurate, and correct. This information is being given to the Rockbridge Area Recreation Organization as application for financial assistance only and will remain confidential. RARO Management may verify the information on the application and deliberate misrepresentation of the information will result in forfeiture of future assistance privileges.

X

Signature of Applicant

For Office Use:

Date Received: _____

Approval: _____

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