

Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis at a max of \$350 (requests exceeding \$350 are considered on a case-by-case basis). Scholarship funds are designed to assist youth in accessing extracurricular programs such as music, sports and art. Eligible fund uses include shoes, sports equipment, music/art program materials, and tuition costs. Upon award, C.A.P.E. program staff will facilitate payment directly to organizations and/or partnering businesses.

In order to be eligible for a scholarship, parents/guardians must provide C.A.P.E. with proof of **ONE (1)** of the following qualifying criteria. **Select which criteria you will be meeting to qualify for a scholarship:**

- Option 1: Receipt of Public Assistance**
- Option 2: Income Eligibility**
- Option 3: Special Hardship Circumstances**

### **Option 1: Receipt of Public Assistance**

*Select the type of public assistance you are receiving. You must include a copy of documentation of the selected type of public assistance (such as a photocopy of an identification or benefits card) and include it with your application.*

- CalFresh (formerly known as Food Stamps, or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children)
- SSI (Social Security Income)
- Medi-Cal
- FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations)

### **Option 2: Income Eligibility**

Income eligibility for scholarship purposes is based on income earned before income tax deductions, employee's social security taxes, insurance premiums, bonds, etc.

Examples of income include the following:

- Monetary compensation for services including wages, salary, commissions, or fees
- Net income from non-farm self-employment
- Net income from farm self-employment
- Social Security
- Dividends or interest on savings bonds, income from estates or trusts, or net rental income
- Public assistance or welfare payments
- Unemployment compensation
- Government civilian employee, or military retirement, or pensions or veteran's payments
- Private pensions or annuities
- Alimony or child support payments
- Regular contributions from persons not living in the household
- Net royalties
- Other cash income (This includes cash amounts received or withdrawn from any sources including savings, investment, trust accounts, and other resources which would be available to pay the price of registration.)

*Qualifying total income is described in the table on the following page.*

Household Size	Income Schedule				
	Annual	Monthly	2X Per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
1 Person	\$28,900	\$2,408	\$1,204	\$1,112	\$556
2 Person	\$33,000	\$2,750	\$1,375	\$1,269	\$635
3 Person	\$37,150	\$3,096	\$1,548	\$1,429	\$714
4 Person	\$41,250	\$3,438	\$1,719	\$1,587	\$793
5 Person	\$44,550	\$3,713	\$1,856	\$1,713	\$857
6 Person	\$47,850	\$3,988	\$1,994	\$1,840	\$920
7 Person	\$51,150	\$4,263	\$2,131	\$1,967	\$984
8 Person	\$54,450	\$4,538	\$2,269	\$2,094	\$1,047
For each additional family member over 8, add:	\$4,100	\$342	\$171	\$158	\$79

The annual income figures stated above match those listed on the US Department of Housing and Urban Development 2023 State Income Limits for California for "Very Low Income." Monthly, 2X Per Month, Every 2 Weeks, and Weekly income numbers have been calculated based on annual income.

Complete the following Income Eligibility Worksheet. You must also provide a current pay stub (dated within the last 30 days) or a 2023 tax return with your application if using Option 2: Income Eligibility.

Names		Current Income & Frequency							
Names of All Household Members	Check for Each Child	Earnings from Work		Welfare, Child Support, Alimony		Payments from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security		Earnings from Second Job or Any Other Income	
		Amount	How Often	Amount	How Often	Amount	How Often	Amount	How Often
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2.									
3.									
4.									
5.									
6.									

### Option 3: Special Hardship Circumstance

Participants may qualify for a scholarship by stating and describing a special hardship circumstance that has impacted the participant and their family. This may include, but is not limited to, experiencing homelessness, transportation challenges, participant is a foster child or part of a foster family, parent/guardian work schedule conflicts, need for childcare assistance while parent/guardian is searching for work, etc.

To apply for a scholarship because of a special hardship circumstance, a parent/guardian of the participant must provide a brief description of the circumstance in writing as part of the application. An assigned team of staff will make professional judgement decisions on a case-by-case basis. Please attach additional documentation if relevant or necessary.

Use the space below to provide a description of a qualifying special hardship circumstance. You may choose to attach additional pages if needed.

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I certify that all of the information on this application is true and correct and understand that the deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to persecution under applicable state and federal laws.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_