

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS

What assistance is provided?

- 50 percent off registration costs for Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) youth programs.
- Limited scholarship availability for youth that qualify for free lunches or attend a Community Eligibility Provision (C.E.P) school. See Scott Johnson Youth Scholarship Terms and Conditions below for more information.

Who qualifies?

- Youth in Austin city households within that are eligible to get free/reduced school lunches (See page 4).
- Individuals 18 to 22 years of age who receive special education services in school also qualify.



YOU CAN QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE AUSTIN ENERGY™ CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AS WELL AS THROUGH ATTENDACE AT A CEP SCHOOL. SEE ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS ON THE NEXT PAGE.

How do I apply?

- Complete and Sign page 3 of this application.
- Write cleary, read the Certification Statement and sign (DO NOT TYPE) on the signature line.
- Include an eligibility document (see page 2) or complete the Attestation Section (see page 4).
- Take Page 3 and the eligiblity document to any PARD youth programming facility.
- You can also mail, fax, or email the application.

Can I apply online (electronically)?

- Yes! Starting November 2023, you can apply using the webform at www.austintexas.gov/pardfinaid.
- Prepare PDFs or image files to eligiblity documents to upload. You may also attest to income or catagorical eligibility when completing online.

How long does it last?

- Financial Assistance approved after October 1 of the year lasts until December 31 two years later.
- Austin Energy™ Customer Assistance Discount Program (AE CAD program) households will auto renewed!

Financial Assistance for Youth Programs Terms and Conditions

- If you wish to complete the form **electronically**, use the webform at www.austintexas.gov/pardfinaid.
- Make sure the application is easily readable and complete.
- Use a street address. P.O. boxes will not be accepted without prior authorization.
- Email addresses will be used to send program information and renewal reminders.

- If you do not provide an email address, notices will be mailed to the home address.
- Complete separate applications for youth(s) at different addresses.
- Attach an eligibility document (see page 2). If your child does not receive free or reduced lunches but qualifies for the program, complete the Attestation Section (see Page

Scott Johnson Youth Scholarship Terms and Conditions



AUSTIN PARKS FOUNDATION

In addition to funds donated by the Austin community through their utility bill, the Austin Parks Foundation provides additional funding for the Scott Johnson Scholarships.

- Scholarships provide up to \$700 to be used toward participant's registration cost.
- Funds are awarded to individuals and cannot be transferred to another youth.
- Scholarships are limited in number and awarded by lottery in January.
- Qualified applications received October 1 through December 31 will be considered for scholarships the coming January and the following year's January as well.
- Applications approved January 1 through September 30 will be considered the following January only.
- Households with current REGULAR (permanent) City of

Austin employees will not be considered.

- Households with former/retired City employees or active temporary/seasonal staff may apply and be considered.
- Youth that do not use any scholarship before it expires will not receive scholarships in the future. Email pardinaid@austintexas.gov if you are unable to utilize a scholarship you receive.
- Scholarships expire December 31 of the awarded year and are part of a shared pool of funds. If the pool is used up before December 31, any remaining balance becomes inactive.

The City of Austin is proud to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require assistance for participation in our programs or use of our facilities, please contact our Inclusion Services Office at (512) 974-3914.

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Eligibility Documents

ASD Nutrition Program



123 Residential Blvd Austin, TX 12345

Your application for the free or reduced lunch program has been considered. The participant listed below:

Dylan Dillo

has been approved for the Reduced lunch program. Please keep this letter for your records.

Sincerely

Nutrition Program Specialist

Austin School District



Dear Parent or Guardian

We are pleased to announce that Allison Elementary is participating in the Community Eligibility Provisions (CEP) Program for this school year.

All enrolled students are eligible for free meals at no charge. No further action is required of you.

If you have children in non-CEP Austin-area schools, please submit a lunch program application to have them considered.

Free/Reduced Lunch Letter

This lunch letter is an eligibility document. It is addressed to the parents and the household of the youth. It says the lunch program application has been approved.

CEP School Eligibility Document

This notice to parents of the schools CEP status will work as an eligibility document. It is addressed to the parents of the youth, and lists the school the youth attends.

This notice to parents will NOT work as an eligibility document. It is NOT addressed to the youth, the parents, or the household. It does not show that the youth attends the school the letter is from.

If your child attends a CEP school, any document from the school addressed to the youth, the parents, or the household and names the school the youth attends is an eligibility document. This includes Report Cards or other school papers.

Attestation of Eligibility

If your household or a youth within

qualifies for free or reduced lunch but does not participate in the program, or you are unable to provide an eligibility document, Complete the *Attestation Section* on page 4.

Special Education Services

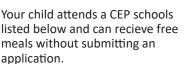
If an individuals in your household is 18 to 22 years of age and receives special education services, provide a Special Education Services letter.

Austin Energy™ Customer Assistance Discount (AE CAD) Program

If your household is enrolled in the AE CAD Program, you can provide the enrollment letter. AE CAD participants will be auto-renewed into Financial Assistance Program, regardless of eligibility document provided.

Austin School District

To the Parent(s) of **Dylan Dillo**

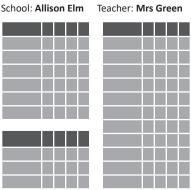


Allison, Andrews, Barrington, Blackshear, Blanton, Blazier, Boone, Brown, Campbell, Casey, Cook, Cunningham, Dawson, Galindo, Govalle, Graham, Guerrero-Thompson, Harris, Hart, Houston, Jordan, Joslin, Kocurek, Langford, Linder, McBee, Menchaca, Norman-Sims, Oak Springs, Odom, Ortega, Overton, Padron, Palm, Pecan Springs, Perez, Pickle, Pillow, Pleasant Hill, Rodriguez, Sanchez, St. Elmo, Travis Heights, Walnut Creek, Widen, Williams, Winn, Wooldridge, Woteten, Zavala

Austin School District Student Report Card



Name: **Dylan Dillo** Grade: **4th Grade**School: **Allison Elm** Teacher: **Mrs Gree**



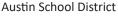
Mr and Mrs Dillo 123 Residential Blvd Austin, TX 12345



This letter is to inform you that you have been enrolled in the AE CAD Program. The discounts on your City of Austin utility account will remain in place for a full twelve months. Your account will be due for recertification on your anniversary enrollment date.

Thank you for participating in our program.

Respectfully, Austin Energy





Dear Mr and Mrs Dillo

This letter is to inform you that your request for special education services for:

Dylan Dillo

has been approved. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Special Education Services coordinator at your child's school.

This section to be completed Review No. App	olications No. RecTrac HF	l No. Residen	cy Income Eligib	ole Review Date	Revie	ew Time Initials		
				s to <u>any</u> PARD facil				
MAII FA	L: Austin Parks & Recr X: (512) 469-2957	eation Depai	rtment Financ ARDFinAid@a	cial Aid Program, 200 Sustintexas.gov • V	South Lamar	, Austin, TX 78704 (512) 974-3911		
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RECREATION				APPIE		NCE		
Home Address		Apt. No.	City	 Sta	te Zip) Code		
Primary Adult Name	Home Phone		Cell Phone		Work Phone			
econdary Adult Name Home Phone			Cell Phone		Work Phone			
Primary Email Address		Seco	ndary Email <i>I</i>	Address				
Schools Youth(s)* currently attend								
CHECĶ 'YES' ☐ Yes ☐ No 1) Someon	e in this household	l is a currer	nt REGULAR	(permanent) City E	mployee.			
FOR EACH STATEMENT Yes No 2) An individual listed below is between 18 and 22 years of age and receives special education services in school. A special educations services letter for the individual must be included.								
Youth Name		Date of Birth		Gender/Gender Ider		SJYS Consideration ³		
1						□ Yes □ No		
1								
2						☐ Yes ☐ No		
3						□ Yes □ No		
4						□ Yes □ No		
5						☐ Yes ☐ No		
6						□ Yes □ No		
1. You may list participant 18 to 22 years of age who receive special education services in his or her school district. Include the school letter for this participant. 2. Limit responses to Male, Female, Non-binary, Non-conforming, or Perfer not to answer. Include Trans or Transgender with your answer if appropriate.								
3. Check 'yes' next to youth(s) you would like considered for scholarships. See Scott Johnson Youth Scholarship Terms and Conditions for full details. Application Certification Statement and Signature: Read the statement and sign below.								
I certify (promise) I have read and understood this application completely and that the information and eligibility documents I have								
provided are true. I understand PARD at any time may request additional documents to verify the information I have provided while								
my child(ren) is/are participating in the Financial Assistance Program. I understand if I provide false information or am unable to comply with a request for documentation, any financial assistance I receive will be revoked and full payment for registration will be								
required for continued participation. I further understand if I intentionally provide false information, I will be subject to the above								
penalty, be required to return any scholarship funds received and may also be subject to criminal prosecution.								
Primary/Secondary Adult Signature Date								
Site/Facility Staff: Complete this section with the Date and Time the application and proof of eligibility are received.								
Receiving Staff Site	or Facility	I	Reception Dat	te	Reception 1	Γime □ AM		
						□ PM		

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Attestation Section



IF YOU HAVE A
VALID ELIGIBILITY
DOCUMENT, YOU <u>DO</u>
NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE
THIS SECTION.

Use this section if you are unable to provide an eligiblity document. To be considered for the Scott Johnson Youth Scholarship using this section, your household must meet the income eligibility guidelines below or be catagorically eligible with SNAP or TANF. Income eligibility guidelines can be found at: www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/incomeeligibility-guidelines.

Part One: Income Attestation

Total Household Members: List yourself and all other household members, including all children, regardless of age.		Total Household Monthly Income (before taxes) Attestation Sections that list no income will not be considered.				
Name	Date of Birth	Type of Income		Monthly Amount		
		Primar	y Adult Household Income			
		Second	dary Adult Household Income			
		Welfar	e, Child Support, Alimony			
		Social S	Security, Pension, Retirement			
		List <u>all</u> a	additional income sources, including oth	er household members		
			INCOME TOTA	L		
Part Two: Co	ategorical Eligibilit	y - Pleas	se check all that apply.			
Household receives assistance benefits from the foll	owing programs:	One or m	nore youth in this household meets the	following criteria:		
☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) ☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)		☐ Homeless ☐ Migrant ☐ Runaway ☐ Foster Child ☐ Enrolled in Head Start or an eligible pre-kindergarten program				
INCOME ELIGIBILITY	Y GUIDELINES [Effe	ctive fror	m July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024]*			

Number of	Annual Federal	Financial Assi	stance - 200%	Scott Johnson - 150%		
People in Household	Poverty Guidelines	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	
2	19,720	39,440	3,287	29,580	2,465	
3	24,860	49,720	4,144	37,290	3,108	
4	30,000	60,000	5,000	45,000	3,750	
5	35,140	70,280	5,857	52,710	4,393	
6	40,280	80,560	6,714	60,420	5,035	
7	45,420	90,840	7,570	68,130	5,678	
for each add'll	+5,140	+10,280	+857	+7,710	+643	

^{*}The National poverty guidelines are set annually Federal Goverment. Income based qualifications for the School Lunch program are 185% for reduced and 130% for free. the AE CAD program uses the same guidelines, but at 200%. The percentages for the Financial Assistance program have been adjusted to include the AE CAD recipients, and the Scott Johnson precentage has been increased as well in the hopes of benefiting more households.

Thank you for applying for the Austin Parks and Recreation Financial Assistance Program! After turning in your application, check your email or mailbox for further information. Email any questions to PARDFinAid@austintexas. gov or leave a voicemail at (512) 974-3911.