

# Point Bonita YMCA Outdoor Education Financial Assistance Program

The Point Bonita YMCA appreciates your commitment to our Outdoor Education Program here in the beautiful Marin Headlands. As you know, exploration and learning in an outdoor setting can have a truly transformative effect upon students, inspiring them for years to come. We want to invest in these children's futures, making it possible for all interested students to join us here at the YMCA. Point Bonita YMCA strives to make its education programs available to all students regardless of economic status or ability to pay. Therefore, the Point Bonita YMCA Outdoor Education Program has established a scholarship fund for the purpose of providing assistance to those who would not otherwise be able to attend Point Bonita YMCA Outdoor Education residential programs.

Many thoughtful individuals recognize the valuable impact on a person's life that participation in a Point Bonita YMCA experience can make. Thanks to the support of our community members and private donors, we are pleased to offer financial assistance to qualifying schools.

The Point Bonita YMCA Financial Assistance Program is a competitive process. Due to limited funds, not all applicants will receive awards or the full amount requested. Fees are set to be affordable to the majority of program participants, and it is expected that each school will contribute towards the cost of the program to the extent of each of their ability.

The level of award is determined on combined criteria including; demonstration of financial need, school effort and commitment to the program, and the number of application requirements met. Please fill out the application in full, and submit as close to contracting with us as possible. Applicants receiving an award will be notified by email. Assistance can only be credited against the cost of education (*not* Room & Board).

Criteria Includes:

1. Student Financial Need: You are required to provide verification of the number of students at the school qualifying for Federal School Lunch Subsidies. Priority for assistance will be established foremost by the relative values of the percentage of qualifying students as compared to other schools that apply for assistance.
2. School Effort: Tell us about your school's plan(s) to raise funds for attending Point Bonita YMCA's Outdoor Education Program.
3. Application Requirements: A completed Financial Assistance Application and supporting documentation must be submitted. Make sure your application is filled out completely and that you have included all relevant information or your application may be denied.

Mail your application form along with supporting documentation to Point Bonita YMCA, 981 Fort Barry GGNRA, Sausalito, CA, 94965 Attn: Reservations Coordinator Rochelle Tolbert, fax to (415) 331-2567, or email (with electronic signature) to [rtolbert@ymcasf.org](mailto:rtolbert@ymcasf.org).



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Please complete the entire form, sign and date it. **All information on this form will be kept strictly confidential, except information submitted to the Point Bonita YMCA to provide to our funders (Section 4 – Additional Requirements).** Completion of this application does not guarantee approval of assistance or the full amount requested.

## Application Instructions

Please fill out the application for financial assistance *in full*, and attach any supporting documentation. Mail your application form along with supporting documentation to Point Bonita YMCA, 981 Fort Barry GGNRA, Sausalito, CA, 94965 Attn: Reservations Coordinator Rochelle Tolbert, fax to (415) 331-2567, or email (with electronic signature) to [rtolbert@ymcasf.org](mailto:rtolbert@ymcasf.org).

## Section 1 – Applicant Information

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

When is your visit to Point Bonita YMCA? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your school/group received financial assistance from us in past years? (Check one)    YES    NO

Minimum number of students to Point Bonita YMCA? \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum number of students to Point Bonita YMCA? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the cultural diversity of your school.

African American: \_\_\_\_\_%    Asian-Pacific Islander: \_\_\_\_\_%    Caucasian: \_\_\_\_\_%

Hispanic: \_\_\_\_\_%    Native American: \_\_\_\_\_%    Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

## Section 2 – Student Financial Need

How many students are at the school (entire student body)? \_\_\_\_\_

How many students at the school qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program/National School Lunch Program? \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of these students qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch? \_\_\_\_\_%  
(Divide the number of qualifying students by the number of students at the school)

Are you a Title 1 School? (Check one)    YES    NO

(Optional) You may attach an additional sheet explaining extenuating circumstances or other factors that we should take in consideration in evaluating your need for assistance.

### Section 3 – School Effort

Tell us what your school expense is and about your plan(s) to fund the program.

Total Point Bonita YMCA fees	\$ _____
Transportation cost	\$ _____
Other expenses	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL COST:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
Family/student contributions	\$ _____
Fundraising activities (Contact us for ideas)	\$ _____
Outside funding (federal, state, school district, community support, grants)	\$ _____
School funds	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
Amount of financial assistance requested	\$ _____

*\*We may not be able to allot the full amount requested*

### Section 4 – Additional Requirements

Along with your application please provide the following supporting documentation:

1. A document indicating either the percentage or the number of qualifying and total students from the district or federal government on official letterhead.
2. **POST VISIT** - We need to provide documentation to our community donors and funders to ensure continued support of our financial assistance program. We request that you send us a letter of support explaining the impact our program had on your students. You may also send additional information about your trip (pictures, thank you letters from students, journals, curriculum used in classroom, etc.) to use in reporting to our funders.

### Acknowledgement

I acknowledge by my signature below, that all of the information on this form is accurate and complete. I am aware that on-time program payments are required to receive financial assistance awards. I understand that I am subject to the rules and regulations of the YMCA.

Principal/Administrator Signature	Title	Date
Teacher/Trip Organizer Signature	Title	Date

*Your signature indicates that you understand the policies and procedures of the YMCA Financial Assistance Program.*

**YMCA financial assistance is made available through donations, grants, and association earned income.**

Point Bonita YMCA would like to thank you for your application and for participating in the Point Bonita YMCA Residential Outdoor Education Program. Additional information can be found at [pointbonitaymca.org](http://pointbonitaymca.org) or by calling (415) 331-9622.

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Date Received:	Approved/Denied (circle one)	Total Award Amount:
Approved/Denied by:		Date:
Funder 1:		Amount:
Funder 2:		Amount:
Funder 3:		Amount:
Notes:		