



**City of Mt. Pleasant – Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation
PEAK PROGRAM Scholarship Application
Guidelines**



Purpose: - To allow every PEAK student the opportunity to participate in after-school and summer activities regardless of household financial conditions. The PEAK Scholarship program was developed to facilitate opportunities for individuals and families with demonstrated financial needs.

Who Qualifies? – Any **Isabella County** resident age of 17 and under who meets the qualification standards listed in **Table 1**, below (chart used is based directly on Free and Reduced Lunch Program requirements) and whose parent/guardian submits the PEAK Scholarship Application along with the required documentation may qualify. **Scholarships are limited to the PEAK afterschool program. Separate scholarship application must be completed for PEAK Summer Camp Program.** Proof of residency will be required at the time of application (i.e. current driver’s license, tax bill, voter’s registration card). Applicants will be notified if the scholarship is approved or not approved.

How to Apply – Complete the PEAK Scholarship Application form, which must be signed by a parent/guardian of the named youth applicant. One of the following pieces of documentation must accompany the application form: Approved Reduced Lunch Program form, W-2 Form, Tax Return including schedule C, DSS Form, SSI Form, Social Security and/or Unemployment Statements. Total family annual income must include the following before deductions for taxes:

- Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions for fees;
- Net income from self-employment;
- Social security
- Public assistance or welfare payments;
- Alimony or child support payments;
- Regular contributions from persons not living in the household;
- Other cash income;

Other Important Information

- Scholarship amounts are based on total family size and total family annual income level (*see Table at right*).
- Completing a Scholarship Application DOES NOT register a child for PEAK. Please complete the required registration form.
- All participants are expected to pay scholarship rate advertised.
- Scholarships will be provided on a first-come, space-available basis.

Table 1

Based on 2016/17 Free and Reduced Lunch Program Requirements

TOTAL FAMILY SIZE	Total Annual Family Income*
	Scholarship Eligibility
2	20,826
3	26,208
4	31,590
5	36,972
6	42,354
7	47,749
8	53,157
<i>For each additional family member, add:</i>	+\$5,408

**Total family annual income from all sources before deductions for taxes, insurance premiums, bonds, and other employee deductions.*

Confidentiality - Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation will use the information on the application only to decide if your children qualify to receive a scholarship for the PEAK program. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Applicants are guaranteed that personal finances will not be discussed outside of the department management. Coaches, instructors, or program leaders will not be informed of a participant’s financial or scholarship status.

