

Berkshire South Regional Community Center Action Adventures Out-of-School & Sunshine Preschool Financial Assistance Process

It is central to the mission of Berkshire South Regional Community Center that we are open to all, regardless of ability to pay. In an effort to reach our goal of connecting the community at large, BSRCC has created a financial assistance policy for membership and programs. Financial assistance will be awarded on the basis of not only the documented eligibility of the applicant, but the overall needs of the individual, couple or family and the availability of funds.

Financial assistance is available for up to **75% off of membership fees and up to 50% off of program fees.** (based on a sliding scale.)

To talk to someone **regarding the financial aid process** for Berkshire South's Action Adventures and Sunshine programs, or to **check on the status of your application**, please call the **Business Associate or Director of Finance and Administration at 413-528-0397.**

Questions?
Call
413.528.0397

Process

Part 1:

To apply and receive **membership and program** financial aid:

- Applications can be found at the Front Desk or on our website at berkshiresouth.org.
- All applications must be filled out completely and contain all supporting documentation. (Even if the applicant has applied before.) Please see the application for specific documentation needed.
- Must provide a copy of notification of award status from NEFWC (see part 2 for more info on how to obtain this)
- Complete and return both the membership financial aid application, as well as the program financial aid application.

Part 2: (Should be completed simultaneously with Part 1)

To apply for **Subsidy Voucher through New England Farm Workers:**

• Vouchers are issued by New England Farm Workers' Council (NEFWC). Eligibility is determined by that agency, NOT by Berkshire South. To access the application please visit this website (link is also available on the Berkshire South Website): www.partnersforcommunity.org/default/index.cfm/voucher-day-care/

- If eligible for funding, NEFWC will establish a daily fee that represents your portion of the tuition.
- If you expect to pay your tuition with funding from the voucher program, please notify us immediately.
- To access Berkshire South's Financial Assistance program you **MUST** show proof of application and status of subsidy availability from NEFWC.
- If you are in immediate need of assistance and the voucher system is anticipating delays, **please contact Berkshire South's Business Department at 413-528-0397** to discuss the possibility of a preliminary financial award.

Any family accessing BSRCC financial assistance **must maintain a membership throughout the time of the program award period.** Families receiving BSRCC financial assistance **must** reapply for assistance every six months within the program. **It is the member's responsibility to reapply.**

Please note, the child must be included on the membership to receive the award. An individual adult membership does not extend to the child.

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