



The Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Scholarship Fund provides city residents access to our park facilities and programs regardless of economic situation. Our scholarship program provides income eligible families exposure to positive experiences, active lifestyles and mentors, as well as opportunities to gain and refine life skills, and to develop positive personal and social assets. Parks provide wonderful opportunities for children of all ages to build the skills and strengths they need to lead full and rewarding lives.

## Your donation can provide a child/adult:

- Senior Center foreign language class \$40
- Beginning swim lessons \$45
- Ice skating lessons \$55
- Senior Center yoga class \$56
- Junior golf camp \$115
- Junior golf lessons \$125
- Summer day camp for a week \$175
- Family season pool pass \$250

100% of the donations to this program go directly to support scholarships for people in Ann Arbor. Your support for community recreation will be recognized in the Parks & Recreation Services brochure and in local media publications. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to the Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Scholarship Fund. We need your help to provide recreation opportunities to build a sense of community, create safer neighborhoods and engage families in experiential learning and healthy physical activities. Your contribution will be put to work immediately to make Ann Arbor a healthier city! Thank you for considering a donation and we look forward to hearing from you.



How to make a donation: Contact City of Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Services at 734.794.6230 or visit our Web site [www.a2gov.org/scholarship](http://www.a2gov.org/scholarship).

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"The quality of life is determined by its activities."

~ Aristotle



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## OUR STORY:

A source of pride for the City of Ann Arbor is the more than 150 parks, ranging from small neighborhood parks to large recreation areas and numerous recreation facilities, that both residents and visitors to our community enjoy. Our park facilities include a senior center, farmers market, rental facilities, swimming pools, ice rinks, fitness center, canoe liveries and golf courses. We provide a variety of programs including lessons, instructional programs and day camps at these locations.

For more than 25 years, the City of Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Services unit has been awarding scholarships to city residents who are income eligible. We are committed to enhancing the quality of life for our residents by providing access to our parks, facilities and programs regardless of economic situation.



## SCHOLARSHIP FACTS AND FIGURES:

- In Fiscal Year 2008 approximately 595 City of Ann Arbor individuals received scholarships from the Parks & Recreation Services Area.
- In Fiscal Year 2009 that number grew to 771 residents.
- Scholarships, based on income eligibility, are awarded to individuals and families at a supplemental rate of 100% and/or 50% reduction of fees for facility passes, programs, activities and day camps.



"I had to leave my job to care for our special needs child. One of his favorite things to do is swim. He wants to go every day and I am not able to afford to go. His summer was a little brighter. To see the joy in his face when we went swimming is priceless."

2009 Scholarship Recipient

## THE VALUE OF PASSES WE AWARD:

All scholarships given means a recipient or family are awarded the following:

- Summer Pool Pass ~ valid at all three outdoor pools for unlimited visits
- Winter Pool Pass ~ valid at Mack Indoor Pool
- Buhr or Veterans Ice Arena Pass ~ Valid at the ice arenas for public skating for the entire winter season
- Veterans Fitness Pass ~ Valid daily at Veterans Memorial Fitness Center

## APPROXIMATE VALUE OF THE PASSES AND PROGRAMS:

- \$250 Summer Pool Pass
- \$200 Mack Indoor Pool Pass
- \$125 Buhr Park Ice Arena
- \$150 Veterans Memorial Fitness Center
- \$500 per person program opportunities
- \$1225 estimated total scholarship value for the recipient

## SCHOLARSHIP VALUE AWARDED FOR 2009:

- 771 individuals received scholarship benefits
- Pass value: \$136,000
- Program value: \$385,500
- Estimated total value of our scholarships: \$521,500



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"Thanks to the generous scholarship through Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation we were able to enroll our children in educational classes, as well as a number of extremely enjoyable camps over the summer and during other school breaks.

I cannot tell you how much that meant to my family, especially as it grew to accommodate four little girls! Most of all, we so appreciated the pool passes in the summer that allowed our family to spend time together when we could not afford to take vacations. So thank you so much!"

~ Derek & Maren Hansen





"Play is the gateway to vitality.. It generates optimism, seeks out novelty, makes perseverance fun, leads to mastery, gives the immune system a bounce, fosters empathy and promotes a sense of belonging and community."

~ The National Institute for Play