

**You, better than anyone,
know your financial capabilities.**

We require applicants for YMCA Membership Assistance to make a commitment to participate in YMCA programs as well as make a financial contribution toward their YMCA membership. It is our intention to never deny access to our programs because of economic circumstance; however, some applicants may decide they are unwilling to share in program costs.

Is it possible to join the YMCA for free?

No. Everyone must pay some portion of the annual fee.

How does the YMCA determine how much I can afford to pay?

Your fee is determined based on your needs, financial capabilities and your commitment to using your membership. We will come to a financial agreement that is acceptable to both you and the YMCA.

If I receive YMCA Membership Assistance, what is expected of me?

All information provided by you will be kept confidential. We expect the same confidentiality from you. A YMCA membership also requires a commitment to making your payments on time and using your membership a minimum on a regular basis.

How do I renew my membership?

The YMCA reviews fees annually. You will need to reapply for another financially assisted membership each year. You will receive notification of this renewal. If the new fee will not work for you, you can bring in documentation and be reassessed; minimum 10 days before your scheduled payment date; or you can cancel your membership as per current cancellation policy.

At the YMCA of Niagara, we offer opportunities to all individuals. Individuals and families can come to the YMCA to grow and develop into happier, more productive people. Regular participation in YMCA membership activities supports a balanced approach to personal growth, health and wellness.

Our Membership Assistance program serves those individuals and families who have the greatest need in our community. They are unable, not unwilling, to pay the full fee for a general membership.

We will make every effort to accommodate those in greatest need who wish to participate in YMCA programs through a YMCA general membership. We do not provide assistance for Membership Plus memberships. Those who feel they qualify can have a confidential interview to discuss Membership Assistance.

Mission

The YMCA of Niagara is a charity, open to all, providing leadership and opportunities for people and their community to grow in spirit, mind and body.

YMCA Privacy Statement

As a charitable, community-based association, the YMCA of Niagara is committed to protecting your right to privacy. The personal information you share with the YMCA will be used to support the work of the YMCA. For further information, please visit ymcaofniagara.org.

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YMCA of Niagara Membership Assistance



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Building
Healthy Communities



Applying for Membership Assistance

1. Complete the Income Review, you will need your most recent Canada Revenue Notice of Assessment for any adult in your household. (See next page)
2. Bring your completed Income Review and all required documents to your local Y for your Membership Assistance interview with a Membership Service Representative.
3. Start your membership, including setting up and paying your approved first monthly fee. A void cheque or credit card and first payment are required to register.

Preparing for a Membership Assistance Interview

Please review this YMCA Membership Assistance application. Failure to bring your documentation will result in our not being able to complete the interview.

What can you expect?

Assistance interviews will be conducted based on staff availability. Branch tour and membership sign-up takes about 20 minutes.

Assist us in serving you better

- Take a few minutes to complete the Income Review charts before you come to your interview.
- Please bring proof of all income (NOA).

What kind of questions will they ask during my appointment?

- Why would you like to become a member of the YMCA?
- Which programs and services interest you?
- Why do you feel you require Membership Assistance?

Income Review

It is required of you to bring all documentation you used to complete this form to your Membership Assistance interview.

Total annual household income based on the recent NOA submitted will be reviewed with a corresponding community specific socioeconomic income range.

Your fee may change prior to your next renewal if the number of participants on the membership changes.

Your privacy matters to us

The YMCA does not make copies of this form or any other documentation you provide. A copy of the registration form will be kept in a secure place for auditor's purposes.



There are many benefits to being a YMCA member:

- No locked-in contract
- Six locations throughout Niagara, with swimming pools, fitness amenities and full gyms
- Unlimited drop-in group fitness classes including yoga, cyclefit, barre and aquafit
- Complimentary YMCA fitness orientation with a Fitness Coach
- Continuous swim lessons for all ages
- Programs for children, teens and adults at convenient times
- 1 week trial guest passes available for friends or family
- Put your membership on hold for up to 6 months at no charge

