

WATERTOWN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



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WATERTOWN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO WATERTOWN RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S 2020 SUMMER PARKS ADVENTURE PROGRAM

July 10, 2020 (Watertown, MA) –

The Watertown Community Foundation's (WCF) Community Resilience Fund, created to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 emergency and similar crises, has announced a \$10,000 grant to the Watertown Recreation Department. The fund is for scholarships for families in need who want to participate in the summer 2020 program.

"WCF is committed to ensuring every Watertown child that wants one has a camp experience this summer." said WCF co-president Darshna Varia. "As there were no planned camps for kids in Watertown for this summer, the foundation discussed trying to help the town find a way to give some relief to families and get some outdoor activity for children. With the Recreation Department's announcement of the [Parks Adventure Program](#), we found a perfect partnership."

"It's been a long tough spring and now there may be a little relief for families during the summer mornings." added Peter Centola, Director of Watertown Recreation. Any family in need of financial assistance can contact PCentola@watertown-ma.gov.
Online registration [here](#).

Through years of partnering with programs and organizations, WCF is able to deploy resources quickly and efficiently to those in need. We remain committed to serving the needs of our community in these unprecedented times, and we hope you will join us if you can.

Donations may be made:
By check:
Watertown Community Foundation-
Community Resilience Fund

P.O. Box 334
Watertown, MA 02471

Online at
<http://www.watertownfoundation.org/>

The Watertown Community Foundation, a public, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, works to build and sustain a vibrant, close-knit community in Watertown – now, and for future generations. To accomplish this, WCF raises funds from individuals, families, businesses, and foundations; awards grants to nonprofits and community projects; and builds networks of donors, grantees, program participants, and stakeholders.

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WATERTOWN RECREATION PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2020

149 Main St. • Watertown, MA 02472
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The Watertown Recreation Department through a generous donation from the Watertown Community Foundation’s Community Resilience Fund is offering scholarships for families whose children would like to attend the Parks Adventure Program and who have a demonstrated and documented need for financial assistance including COVID -19 related financial losses.

This scholarship is available for Watertown residents only. Applications are due by July 17, 2020.

Please answer the following questions and your reasons for the need to receive financial assistance. All appropriate documentation must be accompanied with this application in order to be considered for a scholarship.

Does your family receive benefits from social security disability office? Yes No

Does your family receive benefits from the Department of Transitional Assistance? Yes No

Does your family receive or is eligible for the free or reduced lunch program? Yes No

Has your family had COVID-19 related income loss Yes No

Please include a brief statement explaining why your family should receive this scholarship.
(A separate typed document would be appreciated).

Scholarship deadline is July 17, 2020.

INFORMATION: Include only those children who plan to attend this program this year.

Child’s Name: Grade (Fall ’20): Age: DOB: Gender:

(2) Child’s Name: Grade (Fall ’20): Age: DOB: Gender:

(3) Child’s Name: Grade (Fall ’20): Age: DOB: Gender:

Address: Town, Zip:

Mother’s Name Phone: E-Mail:

Father’s Name: Phone: E-Mail:

Please return this form, including all documentation to Peter Centola, Director of Recreation,
149 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472. Questions, comments and concerns can be directed at 617-972-6494 or pcentola@watertown-ma.gov

I certify that all the information included in this scholarship application is true and accurate.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____