Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation
Financial Aid Application & Guidelines

January 1, 2026–December 31, 2026

Participant's name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Park district: _____ Township: Maine ☐ Niles ☐ Other ☐

Parent/Guardian name: _____ Primary phone number: _____

This information must be complete and accurate before you will be eligible to receive financial assistance.

Annual household income: _____ **Number of individuals living in the household:** _____

(Annual household income should include all income sources including Social Security, SSI Disability, Public Aid, Child Support, Pension, Worker's Compensation and other)

Do you qualify for either?

Public Aid/Medicaid Waiver. If yes, # _____

LINK/SNAP program. If yes, # _____

If you answered no to qualifying for the above, your Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040 – page 2) is required for all first-time applicants. M-NASR reserves the right to request all applicant's documentation of taxable income.

Please explain any other financial difficulties: _____

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I understand this application is confidential and not public record. I also understand this application will be evaluated to determine qualification for financial assistance. I will make M-NASR aware of any financial changes that differ from information provided above. All the information is accurate and verifiable.

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Signature of person legally responsible for applicant Date

_____ _____

Printed name Date

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation
Guidelines for Requesting Financial Assistance

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) believes all residents, including those who are in financial need, should have the opportunity to enjoy and participate in recreation opportunities.

All the funds for financial assistance are obtained through the Stella LiPomi Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each year the amount available for this purpose may vary.

M-NASR's Financial Assistance Qualifications:

- Applicants must reside within M-NASR's boundaries.
- Evidence of financial need must be demonstrated.
- All information must be complete, accurate and verifiable.
- Applicants are required to pay at least 50% of the registration fees when registering.
- Balances from the prior season must be paid in full before new registrations will be accepted.

Procedures:

Persons requesting assistance must complete the application and submit it prior to the registration deadline. A complete registration form should accompany the applications. All information submitted is confidential and not a matter of public record; however, information must be accurate and verifiable. Inaccurate or incomplete information may jeopardize your receiving financial assistance. All applications will be reviewed and evaluated. Applicants are notified of their financial assistance status within two weeks of receipt of the application.

Persons requesting financial assistance must annually complete the scholarship application and return it to the M-NASR office. Please notify us of any financial changes in the interim.

Once the application is approved and financial documents are on file you may request financial aid each program season by checking the "Financial Aid Requested" on the program registration form.

Applicants are required to pay at least 50% of the registration fee when registering. Once your financial aid is awarded, the balance will be required. If the full balance cannot be paid before the program begins, please contact the office to arrange a payment plan. Total amount due must be paid in full by the end of each program season.

Limits:

- Financial assistance is available for weekly programs, after-school programs and summer camps. Assistance is not available for special events, overnights, trips or transportation.
- Participants are eligible for financial assistance for up to two (2) programs per season. Financial assistance is awarded for:

  I. A maximum of 40% per program, not exceeding $100 per program.
  II. A maximum of $850 for summer day camp.
  III. A maximum of $750 for after-school programs per year (Fall $300, Winter $225, Spring $225).

- The amount may fluctuate based on funds available.
- All assistance will be awarded based on need and availability of funds. M-NASR reserves the right to approve assistance or deny an applicant's request.
- Special Olympics tournaments and state games will be allowed as an additional scholarship.