



United Way of the
Brown County Area

Scholarship Application for August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025

United Way Youth Activities Scholarship Program

Confidential



Optimist International

Step 1. Participant Information Section - **REQUIRED**

**one form per student per activity*

Name of Participant: _____

Age: _____

School Attending: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Household Size: _____

Email: _____

Step 2. Submit financial documents described on the back side. - **REQUIRED**

Your application will not proceed without financial documents.

Step 3. Program Information – Parent Signature **REQUIRED**

Youth Organization Name: _____

Programs: _____

Start/End Date _____

Cost of activity fee \$ _____ x 80% = \$ _____ A

Cost of equipment* \$ _____ x 50% = \$ _____ B

Total Scholarship Request \$ _____ A+B (\$200 Max)

Remaining Cost to Family/Organization \$ _____

*Itemize Equipment Needs and Costs: _____

Have you applied for other scholarships for this activity? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Example: Through your school, Park & Rec., etc.)

Parent/Guardian Agreement – Upon approval of application, I (we) agree to make arrangements to support and encourage the child's participation in this activity, including arranging transportation, encouraging participation and good attendance, involvement in activity fundraisers and volunteer needs (as program requires), etc. Failure to meet these arrangements may jeopardize future scholarship opportunities. To the best of my knowledge, all eligibility information is true.

***REQUIRED** Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____ Date _____

Step 4. Organization Section – **To be completed by youth organization staff/volunteers - REQUIRED.**

If the application is approved, the organization and participant have agreed that the participant or organization will pay any remaining fees. *Your application will not proceed without this section being completed.*

We confirm the activity and equipment costs to be correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed _____ Phone _____

Organization Name _____ Organization Address _____

Step 5. Return form to the United Way office. Office hours 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
108 N. Minnesota Street, PO Box 476, New Ulm, MN 56073. Email: admin@unitedwaybrowncountyarea.org

United Way Section – United Way Office use only

Date Received: _____ Approved – Date: _____ Denied – Reason: _____
Financials: _____ Letter Mailed: _____ Financials Received: _____

Participant Information, Guidelines & Instructions

United Way Youth Activities Scholarship Program



The United Way of the Brown County Area Youth Activities Scholarship Program provides scholarship to young people from the age 3 to 18 whose family income is insufficient to meet the activity and equipment fees, and who are unable to get assistance through other scholarships and grants. Applicants are approved, subject to availability of funds.

The ultimate goal of UW-YASP is to ensure that any student in Brown County who desires to enroll in activities will not be denied the opportunity due to a lack of funds. A committee of the United Way of the Brown County Area, made up of United Way board members and community members, shall administer UW-YASP.

Guidelines for Participants:

- Youth must be 3 - 18 years of age, reside within Brown County or attend a Brown County school. Applications for scholarship activities post-graduation are ineligible.
- **Acceptable Organizations** - All youth activities that provide positive role models, build self-esteem and skill development will be eligible for participants to receive scholarships. Examples include, but are not limited to, sports, arts, and education. However, exclusions do apply for programs that currently have a scholarship program or for schools that currently waive fees.
- **Non-Acceptable Organizations** - Religious education classes or equipment and drivers education classes or equipment. United Way of the Brown County Area will not fund the purchase of guns or other weapons.
- **Amount of Scholarships** - Maximum amount given per year (August 1 to July 31) will be \$200 per child, up to 80% of the activity fee and 50% of equipment costs. The family and/or organization must take responsibility of the remaining 20% and/or the balance of any fees above \$200. More information will follow upon approval of a scholarship of how the scholarship will be administered.
- **Semi-annual Payment** - Approved scholarships for annual activities will be allocated semi-annually, August - December and January - July. Eligibility for the second payment is based on verification of continuous enrollment in the activity.
- **Involvement in Youth Organization** - It is expected that scholarship families fully understand and contribute to the volunteer and fundraising expectations of the organization. United Way will not pay any portion of activity fees that include buy-out of volunteer time or fundraisers such as raffle tickets, pancake breakfast tickets or fish fry tickets.
- **Application Deadline** - Applicants must turn in their scholarship application form to the youth activity organization before the close of registration and will be informed of the outcome of their application after the Youth Scholarship Committee meeting held each month.

Instructions for Completing the Alternate Application for Educational Benefits

- Complete the *Alternate Application for Educational Benefits* for school year 2023-24 if any of the following apply:
- Any household member currently participates in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or
- One or more children in the household are foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child), or
- Total household income (gross earnings, not take-home pay) is within these guidelines:

Maximum Total Income

Household Size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	25,142	2,096	1,048	967	484
2	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
3	42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	820
4	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	988
5	60,070	5,006	2,503	2,311	1,156
6	68,802	5,743	2,867	2,647	1,324
7	77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,492
8	86,266	7,189	3,595	3,318	1,659
Additional	8,732	728	364	336	168

- If your family does not meet the income limits, but special circumstances prevent your family from being able to afford the fees, please attach to Scholarship Application a brief description of your financial situation that justifies your need.
- Income Eligibility Guidelines for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024