



Purks Inc. Proudly Presents:

The Heidi & James Purkey Memorial
Youth Scholarship

This scholarship may be used
on the following programs:

- 1st-4th Grade Basketball
- Lil' Hooper's March Madness
 - Spring/Fall Soccer
 - T-Ball
 - Flag Football (All Ages)
- 4th-8th Grade Tackle Football
 - Floor Hockey

About James and Heidi:

James and Heidi were both members of the Ionia Community before they were both lost at a young age in separate motor vehicle accidents. Heidi (27) passed in January of 2010 and James followed in 2021 (32). Both left behind children whom they loved dearly. This scholarship is a memorial to their kindness and good nature that they shared with the community.

Purpose

To allow every youth participant a chance to recreate regardless of family financial conditions. The scholarship program was developed to provide recreational opportunities to individuals and families with special financial needs. ***SOME PROGRAMS MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.***

Who Qualifies?

Anyone interested in participating in any recreation program who meets the qualification standards listed in table 1A and submits the Scholarship Application along with the required documentation.

How to Apply

Complete the Scholarship Application Form which must signed by a parent / guardian of a youth applicant. One of the following pieces of documentation must accompany the application form; completed Reduced Lunch Program form, W2 form, DSS form, Social Security and / or Unemployment Statements.

Total family income must include the following:

- Monetary compensation for services including wages, salary, commissions for fees;
- net income from self employment;
- social security;
- public assistance or welfare payments;
- alimony or child support payments;
- regular contributions from persons not living in the household;
- other cash income;
- provide approved Free and Reduced Meals Program form.

Scholarship Amount Based on Family Size

75% Scholarship		50% Scholarship	
Family Size	Income	Family Size	Income
1	\$15,000.00	1	\$20,000.00
2	\$20,000.00	2	\$25,000.00
3	\$25,000.00	3	\$30,000.00
4	\$30,000.00	4	\$35,000.00
5	\$35,000.00	5	\$40,000.00
6	\$40,000.00	6	\$45,000.00
7	\$45,000.00	7	\$50,000.00
8	\$50,000.00	8	\$55,000.00

Joint Custody

If parents / guardians are in a joint custody situation, they must provide income information from both individuals. A child may be eligible for a scholarship regardless of where they reside as long as the parent submitting the application is an Ionia Area resident.

Confidential

All applicants are guaranteed that their financial status will be strictly confidential and will only be known by department management. It is the responsibility of the department to maintain a level of privacy about the applicant’s financial status that will be strictly enforced. Applicants financial status will not be accessible to class instructors, program leaders or coaches.

Participants / families are limited to three scholarships per calendar year.

Scholarship Application



Please Return To: Ionia Parks and Recreation
439 W. Main Street
Ionia, MI 48846

To be completed by a parent or guardian—**please print or type**

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of family members residing at above address: _____

Do you currently qualify for Free / Reduced Lunch Program? _____

Have you ever received a scholarship from us? _____ If yes, when / what activity: _____

List family members below applying for scholarships:

Name	Age	School Attending	Joint Custody?
1) _____	_____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____

Do you receive financial assistance from any of the following agencies (check all that apply)?

Social Services _____ Social Security _____
Parent / Guardian _____ Michigan Employment Security Commission _____
Academic Scholarship _____ Other (explain source) _____

Name of Case Worker (if applicable): _____

Are you employed? _____ If yes, where? _____

Total Family Income Deductions (include wages of all working members, welfare payments, pensions, social security, scholarships, regular contributions from persons not living in Household). Supportive documentation to substantiate income shall include one of the following: W2 form, DSS form, SSI form, Social Security and / or Unemployment.

Annual Income \$ _____ Per Month \$ _____

I, _____ (name of applicant) give permission to authorize the City of Ionia Parks and Recreation Department officials to verify information on this application. I also understand the deliberate misrepresentation of information subjects the applicant to being disqualified for scholarship consideration. I hereby certify that all of the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Family Member Name	Approved?	Scholarship Amount	Family Member Pays
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Confirmation Letter Sent? _____ Date when sent: _____

Form reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Comments: