



Don't Fence Me In Registration Scholarship Program

Purpose

The Don't Fence Me In Trail Run Registration Scholarship removes financial barriers that may prohibit community members from participating in the event. The scholarship allows PPLT to expand partnerships with new groups, reach underserved populations, and potentially pair grant-making organizations interested in breaking down financial barriers to outdoor recreation and healthy lifestyles.

Description

PPLT will offer up to 10 DFMI Registration Scholarships per year. The scholarship will cover the full registration fee for the event of the applicant's choice. Recipients are encouraged to let PPLT know as soon as possible if they are unable to participate due to injury or other reasons. If time allows, PPLT will transfer the scholarship to another candidate.

Event	Registration Fee	Scholarship
5K Dog Walk	\$40	\$40
5K	\$45	\$45
12K	\$60	\$60
30K	\$100	\$100

Requirements

1. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.
2. Applicants must be residents of Lewis and Clark, Broadwater, Jefferson, or Powell county on the application date.
3. Applicants must be over the age of 12 on the application date. Parents/guardians can apply for minors ages 13-17. If a minor receives a scholarship, a parent/guardian will be required to register that individual for the event.
4. Applicants can only receive one scholarship per individual per year but can apply multiple times (i.e., for additional family members or if they are denied and would like to resubmit with additional information).

5. Applicants are permitted to reapply each year.
6. Applicants must apply by filling out the [Don't Fence Me In Registration Scholarship application on Google forms](#) or on a printed form which will be available at the PPLT office.
7. The application deadline is April 15, 2024.

Criteria

Applications will be scored on a scale of 0 (lowest score) to 5 (highest score).

- 1 pt - student status
- 1 to 4 pts - demonstrated need through hardships such as loss of housing, loss of employment, medical limitations, mental health challenges, veteran status, and use of low-income programs like SNAP benefits

The above criteria are intentionally flexible and open-ended, designed to solicit enough information to comfortably demonstrate need without burdensome paperwork, which could be an unintentional barrier itself. PPLT believes that if an individual asks for help, they likely need it. If the requests for scholarships drastically outnumber the availability, criteria will be readdressed.

Evaluation Process

1. Application submitted via Google form or paper form to the Associate Development Director.
2. The Associate Development Director will review and recommend approval or denial based on scoring criteria and submit their recommendation to the Communications and Development Manager.
3. The Communications and Development Manager will either approve or deny the recommendation.
4. If the Associate Development Director and Communications and Development Manager disagree on the outcome, the Associate Director will make the final decision.
5. Once the final decision has been made, the Associate Development Director will contact the applicant. If the applicant accepts, the Associate Development Director will generate a unique coupon code that will enable the applicant to register at a reduced rate.