



## TOWN OF CUMBERLAND

### The Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Learning

#### Financial Assistance/Sliding Scale

Only Cumberland residents are eligible for Financial Assistance (FA).

You may apply for assistance while registering or in advance for pre-approval by submitting the required documentation to the Director, Liz White at [lwhite@cumberlandri.org](mailto:lwhite@cumberlandri.org) Please note:



- If you plan to pay with cash or a check, registration must be done in person.
- Private lessons and materials fees are not covered by Financial Assistance.
- Payment plans are available for Literacy and Number Sense students in the school-year program after the 10% non-refundable amount is paid during registration.
- Cumberland residents with a Free/Reduced Lunch Approval letter qualify to pay the minimum for each child in the immediate family.
- The OCYL Sliding Scale is based on percentages above the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL). Additional payment may be necessary, based on your income and household size.
- Proof of all adult household income is required for our sliding scale.

#### Option 1) Your children qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL) benefits:

During registration, click on the "Financial Assistance Min" and pay the minimum for the class/program. Click on "I will" or "I have already (this year) submitted my approval letter."

Submit a copy of your annual FRL approval letter within 5 business days. The letter is good through August for all your children, but a new approval letter is required each September.

#### Option 2) Apply to the Sliding Scale in advance of registering:

Submit required proof of income documentation (see below) and household size information (# adults 18+, # children) to the Director for pre-approval who will notify you.

If you qualify, register for the Financial Assistance Min. After you register, we will adjust your account for the balance due which must be paid within 5 days. If you do not qualify, you will then register and pay 100%.

#### Option 3) Apply to the Sliding Scale if you want the seat regardless of if you qualify:

Before registering, be prepared to state annual household gross (before taxes) income and number of children and adults age 18+ in the home.

During registration, click on the Financial Assistance Min for the class/program and pay the minimum for the class.

Submit required proof of income documentation within 5 business days. You will be notified of your status and if you must pay an additional amount between 25-100% of the original cost which must be paid within 5 days to keep the seat. If you owe any additional amount, your registration will be adjusted to reflect the balance due.

#### Documents for Proof of Income include:

- a. 4 weeks of most recent paystubs & benefits for all adults or your most recent tax return for each adult in the household (single, married filing individually or joint)
- b. Statements of any additional income or benefits as detailed below in Annual Income
- c. Please note, we can assist with calculating hourly pay and adding all sources of income if tax return is not provided.

#### Annual Income from each adult includes the sum total of:

- a. Annual Wages (before taxes), Salaries, Tips, Child Support, Alimony, Unemployment compensation
- b. Social Security payments, including disability payments but not Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- c. Net Income from any self-employment or business,
- d. Retirement Income, Investment Income, Pension Income, Rental Income
- e. Other taxable income such as prizes, awards, and gambling winnings