



# MIAMIBEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 277-2006

## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager 

DATE: November 14, 2006

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Sibling Discount and Scholarship Family Income / HUD Guidelines

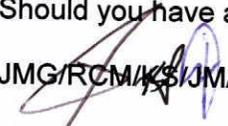
The Parks and Recreation Department has historically offered a 50% sibling discount for After School and Summer Day Camp programs for residents and non-residents. However, for summer specialty camps, athletics and specialized programming (swimming, ice skating etc.) this benefit was never offered. This discount was not applied to the specialty programs because these programs were intended to be self sustaining. We have recently analyzed the potential impact to our budget of instituting a 25% sibling discount on specialty programming and determined it to be more appropriate.

A discussion concerning the possibility of offering a sibling discount was held at the Parks and Recreational Facilities Advisory Board meeting on September 13, 2006. Following this discussion a motion was passed to recommend a 20% discount for the first sibling and a 25% discount for each additional sibling on summer specialty camps, athletics and specialized programming. The Parks and Recreation Administration supports the motion with the modification that all siblings qualify for a 25% discount. The discount is only applied if children from the same family participate in the same activity such as swimming, dancing or other specialized program. This is in keeping with the Commission and Administration's current recreation fee philosophy and will offer some relief for some residents.

The budgetary impact of the 25% sibling discount does not appear to be significant. The Parks and Recreation Department will monitor the item after the planned implementation date of January 1, 2007.

On another note, the Parks and Recreation Department has recently revised the Scholarship Family Income / HUD Guidelines scholarship worksheet (as of October 1, 2006). The worksheet attached has been updated to reflect the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development state median family incomes and local Bureau of Labor Statistics wage data currently in place. In keeping with our scholarship application process we will be using the revised schedule to calculate the scholarship effective November 20, 2006 (winter term).

Should you have additional questions, please contact Kevin Smith at (305) 673-7730.

JMG/RCM/KS/JM/tb 

c: Robert C. Middaugh, Assistant City Manager  
Kevin Smith, Parks & Recreation Director  
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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHEET

(for use by Recreation Staff Only)

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Household Size	Moderate Income 50% Scholarship Range	Low Income 75% Scholarship Range	Very Low Income 100% Scholarship
1	\$19,551 to \$31,300	\$11,751 to \$19,550	\$11,750
2	\$22,351 to \$35,750	\$13,401 to \$22,350	\$13,400
3	\$25,151 to \$40,250	\$15,101 to \$25,150	\$15,100
4	\$27,951 to \$44,700	\$16,751 to \$ 27,950	\$16,750
5	\$30,201 to \$48,300	\$18,101 to \$30,200	\$18,100
6	\$32,401 to \$51,850	\$19,451 to \$32,400	\$19,450
7	\$34,651 to \$55,450	\$20,751 to \$34,650	\$20,750
8	\$36,901 to \$59,000	\$22,101 to \$36,900	\$22,100

(Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2006)

Please check other criterion provided

Free or Reduced Price Lunch  Medicaid  AFDC  Food Stamps

\*Other financial verification will be handled on an individual need basis as determined by a Recreation Supervisor

Amount of Scholarship Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Document (s) Presented: \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of Scholarship approved: 50%  75%  100%  Amount of scholarship: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Interviewed by : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_