



# Ela Township 55+ Scholarship Guidelines

380 Surryse Rd.  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

The **Ela Township Community Center** believes that all older adults deserve the opportunity to participate in recreation and continued education. Scholarships are offered to certified low-income individuals to ensure access to the programs, activities, and services offered at the Ela Township Community Center. The **Ela Township Community Center** generously provides funds for all scholarships awarded.

Applicants must be 55 or older and certify that their income level qualifies for assistance based on income levels as defined by the federal government. (See chart below.) Approved applicants are eligible for a maximum of \$100 per individual per fiscal year from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Scholarships are available for Ela 55+ classes and activities, day trips, and special events.

***Exclusions include Long Distance Travel. Other exclusions may apply. Please inquire for additional information.***

#### Scholarship Process:

- 1) Complete a scholarship application and provide proper supporting documents for income qualification. All information will be kept confidential.
- 2) Mail or drop off a completed application form.
- 3) Applicant will be notified by Ela 55+ staff of the scholarship award by mail or email.
- 4) NOTE: Scholarships are subject to availability.
- 5) NOTE: Scholarships are awarded as account credits. No cash will be given out.

#### Scholarship Qualifications:

- Applicant must be an Ela 55+ member in good standing.
- Applicant must be 55 years or older.
- Household must not exceed the following maximum income requirements based on household size:

# in Household	1	2
Household Income	\$29,160	\$39,440

Requests are reviewed by the Manager and Program staff monthly, and decisions to award the scholarship are final. The number and amount of scholarships is based on the status of the funds available from the **Ela Township Community Center**. Funds may vary from year to year.

If you meet the stated guidelines or have extenuating circumstances that might qualify you, please complete the application and return it to Ela Township Community Center, 380 Surryse Rd., Lake Zurich, IL 60047. If you have any questions, call (847) 438-9160 and ask to speak with Susan Dillon.

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Application for Assistance/Scholarship

Ela Township provides financial assistance for people 55 years and older to enjoy activities and programs at the Ela Township Community Center

This form may be submitted to either the Community Programs Director or the Assistant Community Programs Director. Requests are reviewed monthly. All information is confidential. Income maximum for one person is \$29,160\* and for two persons, \$39,440\*

\*200% of Federal Poverty Rates for 2023.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I am requesting a scholarship for (check all the apply):

Fitness Punch Card: \_\_\_\_\_  Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Household Income for the previous tax year (Attach copy of Income Tax Form): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information you would like us to consider (use back of form if needed):

I, the undersigned, have provided the above information and verify its accuracy. I agree that if requested, I shall provide the Ela Township Community Center all necessary documents that will confirm that the above information is correct.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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APPROVED  NOT APPROVED  PARTIALLY APPROVED FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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