



Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Reduced Rate Program

ERBM Recreation & Park District (District) desires to provide individuals and families who reside within the District an opportunity to participate in its recreation programs despite their inability to do so due to financial hardship. If the cost of a program prohibits an individual or family from participating due to their current individual or family financial status, that individual or family may apply for assistance through the District's Reduced Rate Program. The Reduced Rate Program is designed to assist individuals and families in paying the cost of the District's programs or Meeker Recreation Center fees and is intended to supplement a contribution from the participants, not to fully cover participation fees. The District's Reduced Rate Program is funded on an annual basis and may be discontinued or revised at any time at the District's discretion.

Criteria for Determining Eligibility

1. The parent, foster parent, or legal custodian must be eighteen (18) years of age or older to apply.
2. Individuals and/or the family seeking financial assistance must reside within the District's boundaries.
3. Children in foster care are automatically eligible for financial assistance through the Reduced Rate Program.
4. The reduced rate provided will be 50% of the total cost of the program or Meeker Recreation Center fee.
5. To be eligible for a reduced rate, the individual must currently receive need-based assistance from either the federal or state government. Verification of participation in such federal or state government assistance programs will be required (either by documentation from the applicant of his/her current receipt of such assistance or verification of the information from an agency contact provided by the applicant). Failure to provide the requested information will result in a denial of the application.
6. The District believes a sense of commitment and ownership is developed if the individual receiving assistance contributes to the cost of the programs for which the individual is receiving the reduced rate. Therefore, individuals that receive the reduced rate will be asked to pay the difference between the financial assistance they receive and the cost of the program in which they intend to participate (i.e., the applicant will have to pay the remaining 50% cost of the program).
7. Certain programs are excluded from eligibility for the Reduced Rate Program.

Procedure to Apply

1. Applications are available at the Meeker Recreation Center, and must be completely filled out and returned to the District.
2. Financial assistance will be based upon a thorough review of the application and the supporting information, and as determined by the Executive Director or designee. The number of reduced rate recipients will vary depending on the extent of demonstrated need and availability of funds. No award of financial assistance is guaranteed.
3. As soon as practicable, the District will send a letter to the applicant outlining whether they have been accepted into the Reduced Rate Program, the start date of any such reduced rate and when the individual can commence participation.
4. Financial assistance is awarded on an annual calendar year basis and applications for the Reduced Rate Program must be completed each year. Financial assistance awards expire December 31st of each year. The fact financial assistance was provided in the prior year is no guarantee that such assistance will be awarded in any future year.

Please contact the District Office at (970) 878-3403 for further information.