

Section 1: Board finding. The Vashon Park District operates or sponsors operation of various programs for the benefit of island residents. Each program charges registration fees to defer the cost of the program to the District. These programs fulfill a substantial and necessary governmental goal of the VPD by promoting physical fitness, mental acuity, artistic expression and community interaction for island residents. In order for these programs to serve this important Park District interest, it is necessary for Park District programs be open to individuals who lack the financial means to pay all or a portion of applicable registration fee. The purpose of this policy is to establish a reduced fee structure for individuals who demonstrate an appropriate level of financial need and qualify for a reduced registration fee.

Section 2: Definitions.

- a. A "Vashon Park District operated or sponsored program" includes any program where the VPD, either directly or through a contract or partnership with an independent instructor or a non-profit board, operates a class, activity, or league where island residents may participate for payment of a registration fee.

Section 3: Reduced Fee Structure

- a. Any person who desires to participate in a Vashon Park District operated or sponsored program and who requires assistance with payment of the registration fee may file a confidential application for a reduced fee at the Ober Park office. The application shall be in the form of a sworn declaration and shall include disclosure of the person's financial status, proof of total household income, and the number of persons in the household. The application should also indicate the cost of the program and the requested amount of the reduced fee.
- b. Subject to available funds from the District to cover the actual registration cost of the VPD operated or sponsored program, the Park District will allow payment of a reduced fee depending on how the applicant's household income compares to the median family income of a similarly-sized Vashon Island household. The amount of the reduced fee may vary from 0-100% of the actual registration fee. A copy of any approved reduced fee application shall remain on file with the Park District.
- c. Upon approving a reduced fee, VPD shall collect the amount of any reduced fee required for participation in the VPD operated or sponsored program. Where a VPD program is operated under contract with an outside provider, the reduced fee shall be transmitted along with the balance of the actual fee to the program operator in accord with the contract between the operator and the Park District.
- d. Subject to the discretion of the Board, the VPD budget shall include an account for funds designated to cover the difference between any reduced registration fee and the actual registration cost of the program. Any scholarship, financial assistance, or similar funds donated to the District shall be placed in this account.

Section 4: Reduced Fee Schedule

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Reduced Fee Level	Income Level							
Pay 75%	\$39034	\$44860	\$50104	\$55930	\$60009	\$64669	\$68748	\$73409
Pay 50%	\$24469	\$27965	\$31460	\$34957	\$37287	\$37870	\$43113	\$46026
Pay 25%	\$14565	\$16895	\$18643	\$20974	\$22722	\$24470	\$26217	\$27383