

**You, better than anyone,  
know your financial capabilities.**

We require applicants for YMCA Membership Assistance to make a commitment to participate in YMCA programs as well as make a financial contribution toward their YMCA membership. It is our intention to never deny access to our programs because of economic circumstance; however, some applicants may decide they are unwilling to share in program costs.

### **Is it possible to join the YMCA for free?**

No. Everyone must pay some portion of the annual fee and building fee.

### **How does the YMCA determine how much I can afford to pay?**

Your fee is determined based on your needs, financial capabilities and your commitment to using your membership. We will come to a financial agreement that is acceptable to both you and the YMCA.

### **If I receive YMCA Membership Assistance, what is expected of me?**

All information provided by you will be kept confidential. We expect the same confidentiality from you. A YMCA membership also requires a commitment to making your payments on time and using your membership a minimum of twice a week on a regular basis.

### **How do I renew my membership?**

The YMCA reviews fees annually. Your membership will be automatically renewed with a fee increase. You will receive notification of this increase. If the new fee will not work for you, you can bring in documentation and be reassessed; minimum 10 days before your scheduled payment date; or you can cancel your membership as per current cancellation policy.

At the YMCA of Niagara, we offer opportunities to all individuals regardless of race, age, sex, creed, ability or economic circumstances. Men, women and children come to the YMCA to grow and develop into happier, more productive people. Regular participation in YMCA membership activities supports a balanced approach to personal growth, health and wellness.

Our Membership Assistance program serves those individuals and families who have the greatest need in our community. They are unable, not unwilling, to pay the full fee for a general membership.

We will make every effort to accommodate those in greatest need who wish to participate in YMCA programs through a YMCA general membership. We do not provide assistance for Membership Plus memberships. Those who feel they qualify can have a confidential interview to discuss Membership Assistance.

### **Mission**

The YMCA of Niagara is a charity, open to all, providing leadership and opportunities for people and their community to grow in spirit, mind and body.

### **YMCA Privacy Statement**

As a charitable, community-based association, the YMCA of Niagara is committed to protecting your right to privacy. The personal information you share with the YMCA will be used to support the work of the YMCA. For further information, please visit [ymcaofniagara.org](http://ymcaofniagara.org).

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# **YMCA of Niagara Membership Assistance**



*Investing  
in your future*



## Applying for Membership Assistance

1. Complete the Income and Expense Review (See next page)
2. Print or collect paper copies as your proof of all income and expenses
3. Bring your completed Income and Expense Review and all required documents to your local Y for your Membership Assistance interview with a Membership Service Representative.
4. Start your membership, including setting up and paying your approved first monthly fee. A void cheque or credit card and first payment are required to register.

## Preparing for a Membership Assistance Interview

Please review this YMCA Membership Assistance application. Failure to bring your documentation will result in our not being able to complete the interview.

### What can you expect?

A Membership Assistance interview, branch tour and membership sign-up usually takes about 20 minutes. Appointments are available at scheduled times on a walk-in basis.

### Assist us in serving you better

- Take a few minutes to complete the Income and Expense Review charts before you come to your interview.
- Please bring proof of all income and expenses.

### What kind of questions will they ask during my appointment?

- Why would you like to become a member of the YMCA?
- Which programs and services interest you?
- Why do you feel you require Membership Assistance?

## Income and Expense Review

How many people are in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone share your household expenses? \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly income from all sources	Amount
Employment earnings	
Rental income	
Empl Ins / Social Assist	
Child tax credit	
Universal child care benefit	
Pension income	
Support payments	
Other income	
<i>Total Monthly Income</i>	

It is required of you to bring all documentation you used to complete this form to your Membership Assistance interview.

### Your privacy matters to us

The YMCA does not make or keep copies of this form or any other documentation you provide.

Monthly Expenses	Amount
Rent/mortgage	
Property taxes	
Utilities: Gas	
Hydro	
Water	
Telephone (Landline or Cell)	
Cable/Internet	
Transportation (Car, gas, bus, tickets/pass)	
Insurance: Car	
House	
Life	
Bank Loans	
Credit Cards*	
Medical Expenses	
Child Care	
Groceries	
Other - specify:	
Other - specify:	
<i>Total Monthly Expenses</i>	