



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MOULTRIE/COLQUITT COUNTY**

January 1, 2021

Dear Parents of Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt County:

As you know, Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt County has been serving Youth in Colquitt County for many years. We take pride in the fact that our Clubs are open every day afterschool, on many days when school is closed and during the summer. These are trying times for our community, over the past year we learned a new word-COVID-19. And it is safe to say that the pandemic has affected all aspects of our daily lives and freedoms. Schools and businesses closed wreaking havoc to any normal life. We have all experienced economic stress, but this Organization has held fast in its determination to serve the Youth of Colquitt County with excellence and ensuring their safety.

In order for us to continue to serve all Youth who need us regardless of their ability to pay, we need adequate funding from many sources. One critical funding source is the Department of Human Services (DHS). This funding from the federal government off sets what you pay as a parent and supports the full cost of \$1952.00 annually per member to keep our Clubs operating.

We have received notice from DHS that in order for our Organization to continue receiving this great funding and passing along this low membership rate to our parents, we will need to continue collecting income eligibility verification on all of our member's parents. Income documentation will need to accompany your Youth's member application each year when registering them for our Club services. Please see the income eligibility form in the membership application that lists the acceptable verification documents.

Please be assured that your private information will remain confidential and not be shared with any outside source. This information is no different than other documentation that you may be asked to submit for resources available through this same department(DHS). Also, please note you will not forfeit any benefits you are receiving from DHS or any other state or federal agency by complying with this request.

Thank you for your cooperation. Your prompt reply with this information will help us continue to receive the much needed funding to continue operating our Clubs for your Youth.

Sincerely,

Joseph Matchett IV
Chief Executive Officer



**Georgia Division of Family and Children Services
Afterschool Care Program
Youth Participation Eligibility Form**

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt County and the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) are partnering to provide valuable out-of-school programs for youth in Georgia. The information provided on this form will help ensure that eligible youth are benefiting from the partnership. Please complete this form in its entirety and return it to the identified staff person at the program site. We thank you for your cooperation.

Form to be completed by Parent/Custodian/Caregiver

Youth Information – This section must be completed in its entirety.

Name of Youth Participant (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): _____ / _____ / _____

Is the youth named above in Foster Care within the state of Georgia Yes No

Note: If the youth is in Foster Care but not in the care of Georgia, please provide the state name _____

Section 1

- A. Is the youth applicant a U.S. citizen or qualified alien? Yes No
- B. Is the youth applicant a Georgia resident? Yes No
- C. Does the youth applicant fall into one (1) or more of the three categories below (Answer YES or NO and check all categories below that apply to the youth)? Yes No
 - ____ Youth applicant is between the age of 5 and 17 years old; **OR**
 - ____ Youth applicant is 18 years old and currently enrolled in school (*high school, GED program or equivalent, or post secondary institution*) and will be enrolled in AND attend school during the upcoming academic year (*Verification of school enrollment includes a letter from the school on official school letterhead*): **OR**
 - ____ Youth applicant is 18 - 19 years old and has a dependent child AND is the custodial parent

If one (1) or more answers to the questions in Section 1 is NO, the youth IS NOT eligible to participate in the DFCS funded services. If the answer to ALL of the questions in Section 1 is YES, please complete the remainder of the form.

Section 2

Does the youth currently receive benefits or services under any of the programs listed below (Please Note: you will have to provide official verification to the afterschool/summer program. See Appendix C for acceptable forms of verification):

	Yes	No
A. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (<i>also known as Food Stamps</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Medicaid or Social Security Income (SSI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Reduced or free lunch program at school – <i>Note: This eligibility is only for single youth eligibility. This is not applicable if the entire school population is awarded free lunch in universal eligibility.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Peachcare for Kids	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the answer to at least one question in section 2 is YES, the youth is eligible to participate in the program and the parent/custodian/guardian may complete Section 5. Verification for receipt of services checked in Section 2 must be provided and a copy of the verification must be attached to this eligibility form. If the program does not receive verification of items checked in Section 2, the youth will not be able to participate in the program.

If the answer to ALL of the questions in Section 2 is NO, the parent/custodian/guardian MUST complete Section 3, Section 4 and Section 5 for eligibility determination. Verification for items listed in Section 3 and Section 4 must be provided and a copy of the verification must be attached to this eligibility form.

Section 3

If you answered NO to ALL of the questions in Section 2, please review the chart below and enter your family unit size, gross household yearly income and gross household monthly income to determine eligibility.

Family Income Eligibility for the DFCS Afterschool Care Program Income Eligibility Guide

Number of Persons in Family Unit	Federal Poverty Level *	DFCS Afterschool Care Program Annual Household Income Guidelines **	DFCS Afterschool Care Program Monthly Household Income Guidelines
1	\$12,760.00	\$38,280.00	\$3,190
2	\$17,240.00	\$51,720.00	\$4,310
3	\$21,720.00	\$65,160.00	\$5,430
4	\$26,200.00	\$78,600.00	\$6,550
5	\$30,680.00	\$92,040.00	\$7,670
6	\$35,160.00	\$105,480.00	\$8,790
7	\$39,640.00	\$118,920.00	\$9,910
8	\$44,120.00	\$132,360.00	\$11,030
Each additional person, add	\$4,480	Multiply total Federal Poverty Level by 300%	Divide DFCS Afterschool Care Annual Household Income by 12.

* Income based on the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 2020 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia. (Source: 85 FR 360, Page 3060-3061, Document Number: 2020-00858)

** 300 % of the federal poverty level in effect January 15, 2020.

Family Unit Size* _____
 Gross Household Yearly Income \$ _____ Gross Household Monthly Income \$ _____

* See Appendix A for definition of family unit.

Section 4

Please complete Section 4 by listing your name, the name of the child (ren) who live with you, and the other parent of the child (ren) if s/he lives with you. List any gross monthly income for each.

Household Composition and Income					
<i>Gross Monthly Income is income before taxes and deductions.</i>					
Name (First, Middle, and Last)	Relationship	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)	Income Source	Amount (Gross Monthly Income)	How often received?
	SELF				

Section 5

Please review and sign Section 5 as notification and signature of verification.

Applicant Notification and Signature

We are asking for your youth's Social Security number because any person applying for or receiving federal benefits must give us his or her Social Security number. Federal law 409(a) (4) of the Social Security Act and federal regulations (45 CFR 264.10) allow us to collect this information.

By signing this application,

- I swear, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge, all the information and statements I've provided in this application are true, and
- I promise to cooperate with any effort to verify the information provided.
- If selected to participate in the program, I promise to abide by all rules and guidelines.

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Information – This section must be completed in its entirety.

Name of Parent/Guardian/Caregiver (Last, First, MI) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ Work # _____ Cell# _____

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Printed Name

Date

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Signature

Date

Official Use Only Section for DFCS Funded Afterschool/Summer Service Provider:

Total Income: \$ _____ **Per:** Week Every 2 Weeks Twice monthly Monthly **Household Size:** _____

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.3333, Every 2 Weeks x 2.1666, Twice Monthly x 2, Monthly x 1

Total Converted Annual Income: \$ _____ (Round to the nearest whole number)

By signing below, I certify the information presented within this form was reviewed, verified and confirmed** and meets the DFCS Afterschool Care Program Eligibility rules and guidelines indicated within this form. I also certify this form will be kept in the youth participant's file in a confidential and secured location.

Authorized Program Staff Signature

Title

Date

** See Appendix B for income verification proof sources

APPENDICES

***Appendix A: Family Unit**

The Department of Human Services Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) definition of family includes the dependent child for whom assistance is requested and certain other individuals living in the home with the child who are required to be included in the family.

The following individuals are considered members of the Family Unit:

- A biological or adoptive parent of the dependent child for whom assistance is requested;
- An eligible minor sibling, (whole, half or adoptive) of the dependent child for whom assistance is requested;
- Other children living in the home who are within the specified degree of relationship to the grantee relative but who are not members of the Family Unit; and
- A non-parent relative who is the caretaker if there is no parent in the home or if the only parent in the home receives SSI.

****Appendix B: Income Proof Sources and Applicable Income Sources**

Income verification must be obtained and a copy must be attached to the youth's income eligibility form.

Examples of earned income verification are:

- Pay stubs or receipts for the most recent four weeks of earnings;
- W-2 Forms;
- Employer's issued, signed and dated documentation;
- Personal income ledger or tablet (e.g. self-employed)
- Quarterly income tax returns;
- Annual income tax returns when presented in January – March quarter;
- Letter/statement from employer;
- Documentation from other DFCS staff such as the eligibility CM; and/or
- Form 809 or itemized statement completed by the employer.

Examples of unearned income verification are:

- Copy of current check with check stubs (within last 4 weeks);
- Award letters or written, signed and dated statement of payer;
- Social Security Records;
- Worker's compensation records;
- Form 139 – Contribution statement;
- Unemployment insurance claim records;
- Georgia Gateway screen information; and/or
- STARS.

See page 2 of Appendix B for applicable income sources.

Applicable Income

Each of the following sources of income is budgeted in determining eligibility:

Earned

- Wages or salary – Gross income of the applicant is used to determine eligibility
- Net Income from Self-Employment
- Employee commission
- Jury Duty
- Rental Income – (regular and ongoing payments – if engaged in management of property for an average of 20 hours or more per week)
- Roomer Income – (regular and ongoing payments)

Unearned

- Military Allotments
- Cash gifts Charitable gift exceeding \$300 received from and organization receiving state or federal funds
- Inheritances
- Insurance Benefits due to Loss of Income – benefits paid from an insurance policy due to loss of income
- Social Security Benefits
- Unemployment Compensation
- Worker’s Compensation
- Alimony – (regular and ongoing payments)
- Child Support – (regular and ongoing payments)
- Farm Allotment – payments received from government-sponsored programs, such as Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services
- Veteran’s Benefits
- Capital Gains
- Interest/Annuity
- Capital Gains/Dividends
- Pension
- Trust Fund
- Disability Payment
- Boarder Income – (regular and ongoing payments)
- Rental Income – (regular and ongoing payments - if engaged in management of property for an average of 20 hours or less per week)
- Deferred compensation through retirement plan

****Appendix C: Acceptable Verification of Benefits or Services**

- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, and PeachCare:** Official documentation showing the family/youth is currently receiving benefits at the time of application/enrollment into the afterschool care program (Integrated Eligibility System (IES) documentation, Official Letter from the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services outlining the receipt of benefits).
- **Supplemental Security Income (SSI):** Award letter from the Social Security Administration
- **Free or Reduced Lunch:** Award letter identifying free or reduced lunch as established by individual family eligibility. Note: Programs may receive a listing of students receiving free or reduced lunch granted the listing is on official school letterhead with the disclaimer that all free or reduced lunch eligibility is determined by individual family application. Universal, school-wide, city-wide or district-wide free lunch does not qualify as an acceptable point of eligibility for the DFCS Afterschool Care Program.