



## **“Help Me Play” Fund**

### Program Guidelines and Application

United Way  
of Fulton County

*The “Help Me Play” fund is underwritten by the United Way of Fulton County and will provide player’s fees, uniform costs, or even equipment to children who would like to participate in area recreation programs, but do not have the means to do so. Community enrichment programs such as crafts, theater, or dance, may also be covered, subject to United Way approval. Qualified programs must be run through a designated community park/recreation non-profit program. Activities for kids, including sports, and recreation programs teach life skills like teamwork, dedication, work ethic, and help build self-esteem. “Help Me Play” ensures that Fulton County children will have the opportunity to participate in these activities regardless of their family’s financial situation. If you would like to submit a request for consideration, please follow the procedures listed below.*

### **Program Guidelines**

- Attached is an information sheet which must be filled out completely. You may be asked to provide the child’s most recent verification of eligibility for free/reduced lunch or a letter signed by a school official stating that the child qualifies for the free or reduced lunch program.
- There is a limit of \$40 per child per year. Recipients must be residents of Fulton County and in grades K-8.
- It is mandated that the program/league for which funds will be used is located in Fulton County.
- “Help Me Play” funds may not be used for “Pay to Play” programs at local schools. Funds may also not be used for private lessons or for programs that require try-outs and/or travel outside Fulton County.
- Submit completed paperwork to the United Way of Fulton County’s office, 604 S. Shoop Ave., Suite 122, Wauseon, OH at least two weeks prior to the deadline date of purpose for request (if applicable).
- The United Way of Fulton County will contact you, by phone, within one week to notify you if you’ve been approved.
- Upon approval, a check will be made out to the party or parties that need payment for your child or children to participate in the program described in the application. Checks will not be made out to individuals.
- Check(s) will be mailed directly to the league or program requiring payment.
- If requesting equipment, upon approval store vouchers will be mailed directly to the home.

*We encourage each recipient to write a letter of appreciation, describing the experience, to the United Way of Fulton County.*

United Way of Fulton County  
604 S. Shoop Ave., Suite 122  
Wauseon, OH 43567



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CHILD’S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

# IN HOUSEHOLD \_\_\_\_\_ Does child qualify for free or reduced lunch? (Circle) Yes or No

PARKS AND REC PROGRAM NAME & Fee \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EQUIPMENT NAME, IF NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE REASON(S) FOR REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION**

BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. SHOULD MY APPLICATION BE APPROVED, I AGREE THAT THE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE THEY WERE REQUESTED FOR. I ALSO AGREE THAT THE CHILD WILL COMPLETE THE PROGRAM OR I WILL REIMBURSE THE UNITED WAY OF FULTON COUNTY.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

APPROVED

DENIED

BY \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR DENIAL \_\_\_\_\_

*This form is to be returned to the United Way of Fulton County, 604 S. Shoop Ave Suite 122, Wauseon OH.*