

Title: **Low-Income Membership Program**
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Background

The low-income membership program exists to eliminate economic barriers to full participation in Center sponsored programs and services, and promote economic and social diversity among The Center's membership.

Covered Programs

1. To ensure the participation of low-income older adults in all Center programs and services, the low-income membership program shall support expenses associated with the following programs:
 - a. Memberships
 - b. Parking permits
 - c. Center sponsored class fees
 - d. Class material fees owed to The Center
2. The individual must have a low-income membership to receive parking, class, and material subsidies.
3. At the discretion of the coordinator, or designee, the membership and parking fees may be waived entirely based upon the individual's income.
4. The low-income membership program may not apply to participation fees for such things as off-site trips or clubs, performance groups, transportation services, or programs sponsored by other organizations. It does not pay for locker or room rental, or materials purchased from the class instructor or local merchants to be used in conjunction with a class.

Eligibility

1. To be eligible for a low-income membership, the participant must be eligible for Senior Center membership and one or more of the following may apply:
 - a. Current participant in the City Utility Discount Program
 - b. Recipient of Medicaid benefits
 - c. Participant in the SNAP program
 - d. Participant in the City of Iowa City assisted housing program (public housing or Housing Choice Voucher, aka Section 8)
 - e. Recipient of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)
 - f. Participant in the Elderly Credit Claim on Real Estate Tax or State Rent Reimbursements.

Administration

The program is administered by the coordinator (or designee).

Approved by the Senior Center Commission on: 5/16/2019