

## **The Nina Marcu Private Leisure Assistance for Youth Trust Fund**

### **What is the Nina Marcu P.L.A.Y Trust Fund?**

The Nina Marcu Private Leisure Assistance for Youth Trust Fund has been established to help provide donated money to supplement the cost for youth who are financially unable to participate in leisure activities.

In the year 2000 Steve Marcu and Doug Esenwine started the Nick & Whitey golf outing to raise funds for the Middlefield Youth League in memory of Steve's father; Nick Marcu and Doug's Grandfather; Whitey Esenwine, who had dedicated much of their lives to development and growth of the league. It is rumored that Whitey established the Middlefield youth league! Nick Marcu spent countless hours maintaining the local ball diamonds (located on Sperry Lane), with support from his wife Nina and his very own tractor and drag. He dedicated so much time down at the Mineral Lake ball fields that he became a local icon and the field was named after him. In honor of Nina Marcu's support of her beloved husband's admiration for youth sports the **Nina Marcu P.L.A.Y Trust Fund** has been developed.

Steve Marcu and Middlefield Recreation recognize there are a growing number of families whose budgets are stretched so thin that there just isn't room for leisure activities. Though we try to keep the costs of our programs at a minimum, there are still some families who cannot afford them. The Nina Marcu P.L.A.Y Trust Fund will help defray some of the expenses. However, we do rely on the hearts of the general public, and business community to help support it, either by direct donation or by participating in the annual "Nick & Whitey" golf outing. Donations are needed on a regular basis to build the fund up so we can continue to provide service to families throughout Cardinal School District.

### **What are the donations used for?**

Monies donated to the Nina Marcu P.L.A.Y Trust Fund are used to enroll Cardinal School District youth, who would not be able to afford it otherwise, in our many recreational activities and programs.

### **How can I donate?**

Donations of all levels are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. For example, a donation of \$20 could send a child to football camp for a week.

All checks should be made payable to:

Steve Marcu

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Steve Marcu

37326 Arlington Road

Willoughby, Ohio 44094

### **P.L.A.Y Fund Policy**

Financial assistance through the Nina Marcu P.L.A.Y Trust Fund is only available to Cardinal School District residents. Families are eligible for **half off** the cost of the program or a maximum of **\$25**. Participants may receive funds no more than **three** times per year.

To qualify participants must fill out an application and show proof of one of the following:

- Public Assistance (i.e. Wic Card, ADC Card etc.)
- Proof of being on free or reduced lunch
- Proof of Section 8 Public Housing Assistance

In order for your receipt of financial assistance all programs must meet its minimum registration levels, which are defined internally for every program, before trust fund availability is an option.

Financial assistance will be available for most programs, with some exceptions, left to the discretion of the Recreation Director and/or program staff.

### **How to apply:**

1. Fill out application form completely. Please Print
2. Return completed application, with proof of eligibility, to the Middlefield Municipal Center or mail it to the address at the bottom of this page. \* **All applications must be submitted at least 10 business days prior to the registration deadline of any program.**
3. Include proof of eligibility
4. Sign and date application
5. When requests are greater than the amount available applications will be chosen by lottery.
6. Information and questions should be directed to: (440) 632-5248

\* Applications will be verified and kept confidential

Nina Marcu P.L.A.Y Trust Fund  
Private Leisure Assistance for Youth  
Eligibility/Application form

The Nina Marcu P.L.A.Y sponsors youths, 18 years or younger, from financially limited families, in enrichment programs offered by the Middlefield Recreation Department by offering grants to those individuals meeting eligibility guidelines stated below.

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Please complete the following information (please print):

Nina Marcu P.L.A.Y Trust Fund  
Private Leisure Assistance for Youth  
Eligibility/Application form

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Program Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Gender: M/F

Name of Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Program Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ N.M. Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*Note: Eligibility does not guarantee you a space in the program.**

**STAFF: Please circle appropriate form of verification and sign application below:**

Medicaid

ADC

School Lunch registration

Wic

I certify that the above and attached information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree, if necessary, to send additional information and documentation to support the above statements. I understand that financial assistance is based on need, but does not automatically guarantee a selection. I further understand Nina Marcu P.L.A.Y participants are randomly selected based on the number of grants available.

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Signature of Legal Guardian Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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Recreation Director Signature Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Mail application to:**  
Middlefield Recreation  
P.O. Box 1019  
Middlefield, Oh 44062