

SOUTH SHORE YMCA 2026 HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS PROGRAM INFORMATION



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The South Shore YMCA Hope for the Holidays Program is for SSYMCA Members or income-eligible residents in our service area:

Quincy	Braintree	Hingham
Hull	Scituate	Cohasset
Milton	Weymouth	Randolph
Norwell	Hanover	

Household Size	Household Income
2	\$50,271
3	\$64,420
4	\$77,200
5	\$91,340
6	\$105,480
7	\$117,220
8	\$130,560

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS REGISTRATION – October 1 to October 31, 2026.

You have **4 options** to complete your registration for the program. **Please choose one.**

- Schedule an appointment** by emailing holiday@ssymca.org
- Walk-in appointments** – October 1 - October 29, 2026
 - Mondays & Wednesdays 12pm to 4pm Germantown Neighborhood Center
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays 1pm to 6pm Hale Family YMCA
 - Sundays & Mondays 2pm to 4pm Emilson YMCA
 - Sundays 2pm to 6pm Hale Family YMCA

You MUST bring verification documents (see page 2) to the appointment
- DROP OFF:** Drop off your packet during location hours at one of three available locations.
 - SSYMCA Germantown Neighborhood Center, 366 Palmer Street, Quincy, MA 02169
 - SSYMCA Hale Family YMCA, 79 Coddington Street Quincy, MA 02169
 - SSYMCA Emilson YMCA, 75 Mill Street Hanover, MA 02339
- ONLINE**– October 1 - October 31, 2026
 - Go to the Hope for the Holidays page on the SSYMCA website, click Registration, and select the Online Registration link, which will take you to SGA registration.
 - Log in or create an account. Use an email address you check often.
 - Complete the form for every family member. All mandatory fields must be filled in.
 - Attach your verification documents (**see page 2**). Applications without documents cannot be reviewed.
 - Review and submit before the deadline.

Families with more than 6 children: Please contact Melanie Riether at mriether@ssymca.org before applying online.

Submitting the online form does not guarantee a spot in the program. Your application must be reviewed and approved. You should find out within 3 business days after you submitted your application.

SOUTH SHORE YMCA | GERMANTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

holiday@ssymca.org | ssymca.org/holidayhelp

SOUTH SHORE YMCA | 2026 HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM:

If your family is accepted into the program, you will receive a **text message by November 8** containing your acceptance card, Family ID number, and additional instructions.

If you **do not receive a text message by November 21**, you may email **holiday@ssymca.org** or text **857-278-4594** to inquire about your application status.

Please note: You must present the text message with your acceptance card when picking up gifts. Without it, gifts cannot be distributed.

VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS:

- 1. Quincy Housing Authority Lease qualifies for all verification documents. Include lease and copy of Photo ID.
- 2. If you have received financial assistance through the South Shore YMCA or have been a member of the Germantown Food Pantry within the past 12 months, you may be eligible for the program. Eligibility will be verified by our staff.
- 3. **Please provide three documents from below plus Photo ID:**

Proof of Income for all adults in the home	Proof of Residency (one)	Proof of Guardianship (one)	Services (one) Required
(2025) 1040 First 2 Pages	Lease or Mortgage	Birth Certificate	SNAP or CHAMP
	Utility Bill or Credit Card statement	DCF paperwork	Mass Health
	OR Section 8 Form	School Letter	Fuel Assistance

GIFT INFORMATION

We will be providing gifts for Children 16 and under.

- We strive to provide: a winter coat, hat, gloves/mittens; pajamas; and two gifts for each child.
- Each gift should have a value of \$50 or less. Alternatively, two gifts may be combined for a total value of up to \$100 for a single recipient.
- Gift cards may only be requested for children ages 13 and older. A maximum of one gift card may be requested per child, and the preferred store must be specified.
- When requesting clothing or a bicycle, which comes with a helmet, please refer to the Bike Sizing Chart, Bike Helmet Sizing Chart, and Clothing Chart, and include the appropriate size information, including helmet size, in the item description. If requesting specific sneakers, shoes, ice skates, or roller skates, the size must also be included in the description.

CLOTHING SIZING CHART

Category	Available Sizes
Infant	Newborn, 3 Months, 6 Months, 9 Months, 12 Months, 18 Months, 24 Months
Toddler	2T, 3T, 4T, 5T
Girls	X-Small (XS), Small (S), Medium (M), Large (L), X-Large (XL), XX-Large (XXL)
Boys	X-Small (XS), Small (S), Medium (M), Large (L), X-Large (XL), XX-Large (XXL)
Women	X-Small (XS), Small (S), Medium (M), Large (L), X-Large (XL), XX-Large (XXL)
Men	X-Small (XS), Small (S), Medium (M), Large (L), X-Large (XL), XX-Large (XXL)

BIKE SIZING CHART

Wheel Size	Recommended Age	Recommended Height
12-inch	2–3 years	36–39 inches
14-inch	2–4 years	37–44 inches
16-inch	4–6 years	41–48 inches
20-inch	5–8 years	45–54 inches
24-inch	8–11 years	49–59 inches

HELMET SIZING CHART

Recommended Age	Head Circumference	Size
0–1 years	18–19 inches (46–48 cm)	X-Small (XS)
1–3 years	19–20.5 inches (48–52 cm)	Small (S)
3–6 years	20.5–22 inches (52–56 cm)	Medium (M)
6–10 years	22–23.5 inches (56–60 cm)	Large (L)
10+ years / teen	23.5–24.5 inches (60–63 cm)	X-Large (XL)
Adult (L/XL)	24.5–25.5 inches (63–65 cm)	XX-Large (XXL)

SOUTH SHORE YMCA | 2026 HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

REGISTRATION FORM

OFFICE USE ONLY

SGA Member #:

Staff Assisted:

Sponsor:

Parent/Guardian Name		Date of Birth		Gender	
Parent/Guardian Name		Date of Birth		Gender	
Address				Apt #	
Email		Cell Phone			
Have you received financial assistance or have been a member of the Germantown Food Pantry in the past 12 months with the SSYMCA? YES/NO					

PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF CHILDREN (AGES 16 AND UNDER RESIDING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD).
We ask that each gift request have a value of **\$50 or less**. For children **ages 13 and older**, **one gift card may be requested in place of a gift**. Only **one gift card request is allowed per child**, and the preferred store must be specified. **If shoes, sneakers, a bike, or a bike helmet are requested, please include size from chart in description.**

# of Children (under 16) in Household		# of Young Adults (16+) in Household		Total # of Family	
Child 1	Full Name		Date of Birth		Gender
Gift 1:			Winter Coat Size	Pajamas Size	
Gift 2:					

Child 2	Full Name		Date of Birth		Gender
Gift 1:			Winter Coat Size	Pajamas Size	
Gift 2:					

Child 3	Full Name		Date of Birth		Gender
Gift 1:			Winter Coat Size	Pajamas Size	
Gift 2:					

Child 4	Full Name		Date of Birth		Gender
Gift 1:			Winter Coat Size	Pajamas Size	
Gift 2:					

Child 5	Full Name		Date of Birth		Gender
Gift 1:			Winter Coat Size	Pajamas Size	
Gift 2:					

Child 6	Full Name		Date of Birth		Gender
Gift 1:			Winter Coat Size	Pajamas Size	
Gift 2:					

SOUTH SHORE YMCA | 2026 HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

IMPORTANT: You may apply for holiday assistance through only one agency. Participating agencies share application information, and all submissions are <u>cross-checked</u> . Families found to have applied to more than one holiday assistance program will be removed from South Shore YMCA's Hope for the Holidays list. Please submit an application to one agency only.	
HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE WITH ANY OTHER AGENCY?	YES / NO

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Additional Information for Your Shopper: Please use this section to share any details that may help your shopper select gifts for your child. Information such as favorite colors, characters, hobbies, interests, clothing styles, or specific needs is greatly appreciated. Providing as much detail as possible helps us fulfill your child’s wish list and make their holiday season special.

SOUTH SHORE YMCA | 2026 HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

CHILD 1	
Hobbies and Interest	
☐ Arts & Crafts	Sports & Teams:
☐ Legos	
☐ Music	Favorite Color:
☐ Outdoor Activities	
☐ Puzzles & Board Games	Other:
☐ STEM	
☐ Writing	
☐ Dolls & Action Figures	

CHILD 2	
Hobbies and Interest	
☐ Arts & Crafts	Sports & Teams:
☐ Legos	
☐ Music	Favorite Color:
☐ Outdoor Activities	
☐ Puzzles & Board Games	Other:
☐ STEM	
☐ Writing	
☐ Dolls & Action Figures	

CHILD 3	
Hobbies and Interest	
☐ Arts & Crafts	Sports & Teams:
☐ Legos	
☐ Music	Favorite Color:
☐ Outdoor Activities	
☐ Puzzles & Board Games	Other:
☐ STEM	
☐ Writing	
☐ Dolls & Action Figures	

CHILD 4	
Hobbies and Interest	
☐ Arts & Crafts	Sports & Teams:
☐ Legos	
☐ Music	Favorite Color:
☐ Outdoor Activities	
☐ Puzzles & Board Games	Other:
☐ STEM	
☐ Writing	
☐ Dolls & Action Figures	

CHILD 5	
Hobbies and Interest	
☐ Arts & Crafts	Sports & Teams:
☐ Legos	
☐ Music	Favorite Color:
☐ Outdoor Activities	
☐ Puzzles & Board Games	Other:
☐ STEM	
☐ Writing	
☐ Dolls & Action Figures	

CHILD 6	
Hobbies and Interest	
☐ Arts & Crafts	Sports & Teams:
☐ Legos	
☐ Music	Favorite Color:
☐ Outdoor Activities	
☐ Puzzles & Board Games	Other:
☐ STEM	
☐ Writing	
☐ Dolls & Action Figures	

SOUTH SHORE YMCA | 2026 HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

Additional Family Members in Household: Please list other members of your household, including older children, spouses, and other relatives, along with their ages and relationship to the applicant. This information is requested for household assessment purposes only and does not indicate that these individuals will receive holiday gifts or assistance.

[illegible]