



# Free or Discounted Programs for Families

Maximize your benefit! Participating in assistance programs, like Medical Assistance or WIC, may give you access to other activities at a free or discounted cost. See below for a variety of discounts throughout the Twin Cities Metro area.

## Connectivity

### *Lifeline*

- [Lifeline benefits](#)
- Who: enrolled in one of the following: SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or certain Tribal Programs.
- Savings: Eligible families can get up to \$9.25 off the cost of phone, internet, or bundled services

## Museums

### *Bell Museum*

- [Museums for All](#)
- Where: Bell Museum, St. Paul, MN. The Bell Museum is a natural history museum.
- Who: Enrolled in one of the following: TANF, MFIP, SNAP, General Assistance, Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare, WIC, SSI, Social Security Disability Benefits, SNAP, Section 8 Housing, Free/Reduced Price School Meals
- Cost: free admission to museum, \$3 tickets to planetarium, \$15 Curiosity Membership for 1 year; waived admission for all Indigenous peoples

### *Minnesota Children's Museum*

- [All Play Program](#)
- Where: Children's Museum, St. Paul, MN
- Who: Families receiving benefits through EBT, WIC, or National School Lunch Program
- Cost: discounted admission- \$3 per person, or an annual membership for \$39; Bring: Proof of eligibility

### *Minnesota Historical Society*

- [History Connects program](#)
- Where: Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, MN; Mill City Museum, Minneapolis, MN; Historic Fort Snelling, St. Paul MN
- Who: enrolled in one of the following: TANF, MFIP, WIC, General Assistance, Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare, SSI, Social Security Disability Benefits, SNAP, Section 8 Housing, Free/Reduced Price School Meals
- Cost: \$4 admission for adults, free for children 17 and under
- Bring: [this form completed](#), photo ID, and proof of program eligibility

## Museums (continued)

### *Science Museum of Minnesota*

- [Great Tix program](#)
- Where: Science Museum, St. Paul, MN
- Who: Enrolled in one of the following: TANF, MFIP, WIC, General Assistance, Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare, SSI, Social Security Disability Benefits, SNAP, Section 8 Housing, Free/Reduced Price School Meals
- Cost: \$3 daily museum admission rate, \$3 Omnitheater admission rate

### *The Works Museum*

- [Gateway program](#)
- Where: The Works Museum, Bloomington, MN. The Works is a hands-on kids museum all about engineering.
- Who: Enrolled in one of the following programs: Free/reduced price lunch, SNAP, TANF, MFIP, WIC, SSI, Section 8 Housing, Medical Assistance/Medicaid Care/Minnesota Care, Basic Sliding Fee Childcare Assistance
- Cost: \$6.50 per person discounted daily admission price or \$25 family membership
- Bring: physical proof of eligibility

## Physical Activity

### *Como Zoo*

- Where: [Como Zoo Conservatory](#), St. Paul, MN
- Cost: Free admission with optional donation

### *YMCA*

- [Needs-based scholarships](#) available to cover the cost of a membership
- Multiple locations including Burnsville, Eagan, Hastings
- Apply in person or online- bring a copy of your recent Federal Tax Return or financial support documents

## Shopping/Streaming

### *Amazon Prime*

- [Prime Access](#)
- Who: enrolled in the following: Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, Direct Express Prepaid Debit Card, TANF, TTANF, National School Lunch Program, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, WIC
- Cost: \$6.99/month for Amazon Prime benefits
- Must upload proof of eligibility upon applying



## Theaters

### *Children's Theatre Company*

- [ACT Pass program](#)
- Where: Children's Theatre, Minneapolis, MN
- Who: families who qualify for Free/Reduced School Lunch household income guidelines
- Cost: \$5 tickets to performances and Theatre Arts Training scholarships
- [Apply online](#)

### *Guthrie Theater*

- [Gateway Ticket program](#)
- Where: Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis, MN
- Who: enrolled in one of the following: TANF, MFIP, WIC, General Assistance, Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare, SSI, Social Security Disability Benefits, SNAP, Section 8 Housing
- Cost: \$5 tickets to performances

### *Stages Theatre*

- [Open Door program & Pay What You Can performances](#)
- Where: Stages Theater, Hopkins, MN
- Who: need/income-based, families can [apply online](#)
- Cost: free and reduced cost tickets, bus subsidies, and tuition assistance
- Pay What You Can performances: one performance offered for each production. No minimum price. Reserve your tickets 30 days in advance.

## Transportation

### *Metro Transit*

- [Transit Access Program \(TAP\)](#)
- Where: all around the Twin Cities Metro
- Who: enrolled in one of the following: SNAP, WIC, Energy Assistance, General Assistance, MFIP, Minnesota Unemployment Insurance (UI) Program, Refugee Certification, Diversionary Work Program, Medical Assistance/MinnesotaCare
- Cost: \$1 fare, even during rush hour
- [Apply online](#) or in person at one of the [transit facilities](#)



## Wildlife Parks

### Como Zoo

- Where: [Como Zoo Conservatory](#), St. Paul, MN
- Cost: Free admission with optional donation

### Minnesota Zoo

- [Free to Explore program](#)
- Where: Minnesota Zoo, Apple Valley, MN
- Who: Enrolled in one of the following programs: TANF, MFIP, SNAP, MFAP, General Assistance (GA), MSA, Medical Assistance/Minnesota Care, WIC, Head Start, FDPIR, Housing Support, Resident Disabled Veterans
- Cost: free admission
- Bring: Approved documentation, photo identification and proof of Minnesota residency
- Other: Parking and other fees are not included. Reserve your tickets online before going.

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