

Camper Scholarship Program Agreement

The purpose of this program is to enable more children to experience camp by awarding camper scholarships to cover fees. Since the American Camp Association (ACA) is a tax-exempt corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code, contributions to ACA's Camper Scholarship Program are tax-deductible. In this way, private/independent camps can offer a tax deduction for contributions to their camp's scholarship program.

Each camp selects its own scholarship recipients; however, ACA is particularly concerned that there is an opportunity for interaction between campers from varying social, economic, racial, national, and cultural backgrounds. ACA recommends that scholarship recipients remain anonymous to the camp community.

Camper Scholarship Program Guidelines

1. Any ACA-accredited camp may enroll in the program.
2. Individuals, corporations, or organizations may contribute to a camp's scholarship fund by making the check payable to: American Camp Association Camper Scholarship Fund/Camp XYZ. Participating camps may not contribute to their scholarship account.
3. The purpose of the Camper Scholarship Program shall be to assist persons who otherwise could not financially attend camp. The American Camp Association's National Board of Directors shall oversee the Camper Scholarship Program. Race, creed, sex, or color shall not be determining factors in such scholarships.

Camps are to develop objective standards as benchmarks against which to measure potential scholarship recipients. These standards are to be filed with the American Camp Association as part of our documentation for the program. These standards are to be used by the camp directors and ACA to determine the eligibility of scholarship recipients.

Camps may solicit contributions from parents, businesses, organizations, or foundations. All donor checks must be made payable to the ACA Camper Scholarship Program with the camp's name in the lower left-hand corner. Contributions may be sent directly to ACA or may be collected by the camp and forwarded to ACA.

ACA will credit your camp's account and complete a donor acknowledgement letter for each gift. These letters will be mailed back to each camp for the opportunity to personalize.

To award a scholarship, camps must submit a Camper Scholarship Application for each individual. Upon your request, the ACA National Office issues a check within fourteen working days. The total amount requested cannot exceed the balance in the camp's account.

4. The American Camp Association shall retain 7.5 percent of each contribution to cover the costs of program administration, printing, and mailing.
5. The balance of the contributions (92.5 percent) shall be credited to the individual camp's account.
6. As contributions are received by ACA, acknowledgement letters shall be completed for each donor and mailed to the camp for distribution. A cover letter confirming the camp's scholarship balance and current donations will be included in the mailing.
7. A camp may request funds for scholarship applicants by completing the scholarship application form provided by ACA.
8. Owners, operators, or employees of camps and their immediate family members shall not be eligible for such scholarships.
9. The person who administers the selection process of a camp shall not be a donor.
10. The donor shall not exercise any influence in the selection of a qualifying camper.

We have carefully read the camper scholarship program guidelines and agree to comply in the conduct of our program. The undersigned individuals have the legal authority to sign on behalf of the camp.

Camp Name _____

Individual Signing for Camp (print name) _____

Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Return to:

Camper Scholarship Program
American Camp Association
5000 State Rd. 67 North
Martinsville, IN 46151-7902

