



Funding Assistance

To request assistance, this form should be completed by the parent or individual, forwarded to their unit for unit for approval, and then submitted to the Council office.

Assistance Requested:

Registration:

New Membership

Intended Start Date: _____

Membership Renewal

Renewal Due Date: _____

Camp Fees:

Event Name: _____ Event Dates: _____ to _____

Scout Information:

Name: _____

Scouting Unit: _____

Age: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Does youth participate in unit fundraising? _____

Does youth have the ability to participate in unit fundraising? _____

Please describe the need for financial assistance (attach additional pages as needed):

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Unit Key 3 Signature: _____

Date: _____



Scholarship Policy

Purpose

The scholarship program is designed to provide financial assistance to Scouts in need, ensuring every youth has the opportunity to participate in life-changing Scouting experiences regardless of financial circumstances.

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. Scouts must:
 - 1.1.1. Be registering for a unit within Rainbow Council.
- 1.2. Priority will be given to first-time Scouts.
- 1.3. Eligibility is also dependent on the availability of Council funds.

2. Coverage

- 2.1. Scholarships will cover up to the total Council annual membership fee, depending on demonstrated financial need.
- 2.2. Families are responsible for any remaining portion of the Council fee and full National fee, aligning with the principle that a Scout is thrifty.

3. Application Process

3.1. Required Documentation

- 3.1.1. A completed scholarship application form.
- 3.1.2. Verification of need (e.g., description of need and community/unit leader endorsement).

3.2. Submission

- 3.2.1. Applications should be submitted to the Council office.
- 3.2.2. Applications will be reviewed on a quarterly basis and awarded by the end of the subsequent quarter.
 - 3.2.2.1. January - March applications
 - 3.2.2.2. April - June applications
 - 3.2.2.3. July - September applications
 - 3.2.2.4. October - December applications

4. Review and Awarding Process

- 4.1. Applications will be reviewed by a council committee, which will:
 - 4.1.1. Assess financial need and completeness of application materials.
 - 4.1.2. Prioritize first-time applicants.
 - 4.1.3. Only award to Scouts registering for a unit within Rainbow Council.
 - 4.1.4. Allocate funds quarterly on a first-come, first-served basis until resources are exhausted as follows:
 - 4.1.4.1. 15% of annual funds will be available for the January - March applications
 - 4.1.4.2. 35% of annual funds will be available for the January - June applications
 - 4.1.4.3. 75% of annual funds will be available for the January - September applications
 - 4.1.4.4. Full annual funds will be available for the January - December applications

5. Additional Notes

- 5.1. Families are encouraged to seek supplemental support from their unit, chartering organization, or community resources before applying for scholarships.
- 5.2. Scouts receiving scholarships are expected to demonstrate good conduct and actively participate in scouting activities.
- 5.3. Scholarship funds are non-transferable and must be used exclusively for the intended scout's Council membership fee.

Council Commitment

Rainbow Council is dedicated to ensuring no Scout is left behind due to financial barriers. By supporting Scouts through this scholarship program, we foster inclusiveness, leadership, and personal growth in every participant.



Campership Policy

Purpose

The campership program is designed to provide financial assistance to Scouts in need, ensuring every youth has the opportunity to participate in life-changing Scouting and camping experiences regardless of financial circumstances.

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. Scouts must:
 - 1.1.1. Be registered with Rainbow Council for at least 30 days prior to applying.
 - 1.1.2. Be actively engaged in Scouting activities, as verified by their unit leader.
 - 1.1.3. Be attending a Rainbow Council-operated camp, Rainbow Council-operated training program, or a National-operated event
- 1.2. Priority will be given to first-time campers.
- 1.3. Eligibility is also dependent on the availability of Council funds.

2. Coverage

- 2.1. Camperships will cover up to **50%** of the total camp/training/event fee, depending on demonstrated financial need.
 - 2.1.1. Campership recipients for Council-operated camps and training will qualify for any Early-Bird Rates. The Camperships will cover up to 50% of that rate.
- 2.2. Families are responsible for the remaining portion of the fee, aligning with the principle that a Scout is thrifty.

3. Application Process

3.1. Required Documentation

- 3.1.1. A completed campership application form.
- 3.1.2. A letter from the Scout explaining what Scouting means to them and how attending the camp/training/event will benefit their growth.
- 3.1.3. A letter of endorsement from the Unit Leader.
- 3.1.4. Verification of financial circumstances.

3.2. Submission

- 3.2.1. Applications should be submitted to the Council office at least **60 days** before the camp/training/event start date.

4. Review and Awarding Process

- 4.1. Applications will be reviewed by a council committee, which will:
 - 4.1.1. Assess financial need and completeness of application materials.
 - 4.1.2. Prioritize first-time applicants.
 - 4.1.3. Only award to Scouts attending Council-operated camps, Council-operated training programs, and National-operated events.
 - 4.1.4. Allocate funds on a first-come, first-served basis until resources are exhausted.
- 4.2. Award notifications will be sent no later than **5 days** before the camp/training/event registration deadline.

5. Additional Notes

- 5.1. Families are encouraged to seek supplemental support from their unit, chartering organization, or community resources before applying for camperships.
- 5.2. Scouts receiving camperships are expected to demonstrate good conduct and participate fully in camp/training/event activities.
- 5.3. Campership funds are non-transferable and must be used exclusively for the intended camp/training/event session.

Council Commitment

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