SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Our Program

We offer a limited amount of Financial Aid in order to make the camp experience available to a broader community of campers. On average, approximately 20-30 families receive assistance each year.

We typically award partial scholarships with only a small number of full scholarships available. Everyone is asked to cover their camp store deposit ($75 for 4-week campers, and $50 for 2-week campers). The actual amount of an award will be determined on the basis of a combination of factors, including timely submission, personal merit and financial need. In general, our focus is on families with a gross income of $50,000 or less.

Selection Guidelines

The scholarship selection committee will prioritize the list of applicants based on the following guidelines:

Returning Campers

- Returning scholarship recipients may reapply for funds for three years as long as they meet the application deadlines. After three years, these applicants may still apply but will only receive funds if there is money left over in the current year Scholarship Fund.
- **It is recommended that families submit their Camper Application as soon as their child has decided to attend Nor'wester and not wait until December 31st.** Returning scholarship applicants will be given priority in enrollment over new applicants as long as they submit their Camper Application by November 15th. All Scholarship forms are due by December 31st.

New Campers

- New camper applicants must have turned in all their forms (Camper and Scholarship) by December 31st, and are enrolled on a first come, first served basis after November 15th.
- **It is recommended that families submit their Camper Application as soon as their child has decided to attend Nor'wester and not wait until December 31st.** All Scholarship forms are due by December 31st.

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How to Apply

We strongly recommend that families fill out an online application form as soon as they know they want to include Nor'wester in their summer plans. There will be an option on the online form to select "Scholarship Applicant" and the deposit and tuition billing system will be bypassed and a spot will be saved for your camper for the time being. Once the Scholarship Application Deadline has passed and decisions have been announced, each family being offered a scholarship will be informed by the Camp office about the steps necessary to continue ensuring their child a spot for the summer.

The application process is time sensitive. Please refer to the schedule below. Camp applications and Scholarship applications can also be downloaded from our website at www.norwester.org.

As part of the review process, someone from the Committee may contact you to arrange an interview with a representative from the Camp.

Scholarship Deadlines

Note: Applicants who have turned in their forms after the due dates (December 31st) will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis as long as funds and spaces are available.

- **November 15th:** Returning Camper enrollment priority ends. New Camper enrollment open.
- **December 31st:** Returning Camper Scholarship, New Camper Application, and Scholarship forms due.
- **January 15th to 31st:** Scholarship Committee review of all applications submitted by the above deadlines.
- **By March 1st:** Awards announced to families.
- **March 15th to 31st:** Second review of additional applications coming in after the above deadlines. Funds will be awarded based on date of application, availability of funding, and availability of space.

November 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in our scholarship program. It has been designed for the purpose of making the camp experience available to a wider range of campers, and to increase its socio-economic and cultural diversity. Financial aid is awarded on the basis of a combination of factors, including timely submission, personal merit and financial need. Awards may cover partial or full tuition.

In addition, the Scholarship Committee requires a copy of your most recent US Individual Income Tax Return (1040 or equivalent) in order to establish financial need. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

As part of the review process, someone from the Committee may contact you to arrange an interview with a representative from the Camp. Once all the forms are completed, please send them to the camp office at:

Camp Nor'wester
PO Box 1055
Edmonds, WA 98020

Please send your 2014 tax return with your application and your 2015 return when available.

If you have any questions regarding Camp Nor'wester or the application process, please free to call us at (425) 670-1935.

Warm Regards,

Sheila Tallmon
Director