FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Our Program

Camp Nor'wester offers a limited amount of financial aid in order to make the camp experience available to a broader community of campers. On average, approximately 25-35 campers receive assistance each year.

We typically award partial tuition awards with a smaller number of full tuition awards available. Everyone is asked to cover their camp store deposit ($100, with end of summer remaining amount refunded) and a $25 deposit to hold your camper's spot. The $25 deposit is refundable if your camper is not given an enrolled spot or if the award amount does not meet your financial needs. The $25 deposit is due with your application. The actual amount of an award will be determined on the basis of a combination of factors, including timely submission, personal merit, family situation and financial need.

Selection Guidelines

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

Returning Campers

Returning financial aid recipients may reapply for funds as long as they meet the application deadlines. After three years of attendance, 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 financial aid applicants will be given priority in enrollment over new applicants as long as they submit their Camper Application by November 1st. All Scholarship forms are due by December 31st.

New Campers

New camper applicants must have turned in all their forms (Camper and Financial Aid) by December 31st. They will be enrolled on a first come, first served basis after December 1st.

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.

See next page for instructions on How to Apply

Camp Nor'wester, PO Box 1055, Edmonds, WA 98020
www.norwester.org

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 "Applying for Financial Aid" 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 Financial Aid Application Deadline has passed and decisions have been announced, each family being offered a financial aid award 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. The financial aid application can 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.

Financial Aid 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.

- **December 1st:** Returning Camper enrollment priority ends. New Camper enrollment open.
- **December 31st:** Financial Aid Applications due. All campers applying must be enrolled or on the wait list.
- **January 15th to 31st:** Financial Aid Committee review of all applications submitted by the above deadlines.
- **By March 1st:** Awards announced to families.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in our financial aid 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, family situation and financial need. Awards may cover partial or full tuition.

In addition, the Financial Aid 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:

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Please send your 2017 tax return with your application and your 2018 return when available. Returning Financial Aid Applicants: Check in with the camp office before sending a copy of your 2017 tax returns. We may have them on file from last year.

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
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