



## **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS FOR GROUP PROGRAM**

The following information applies to annual Council registration fees and group participation costs. The financial assistance form for day camp or resident camp is a separate form and is available on the Camp Fire website—[www.campfire-usa.org](http://www.campfire-usa.org).

### **GUIDELINES FOR USE AND AVAILABILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

Funds to support scholarships are available through the generosity of corporate and individual donors and are therefore limited. While no specific income guidelines are used to determine eligibility, qualification for Free or Reduced School Lunch programs is a good indicator of eligibility. Regardless of income, each case will be reviewed on an individual basis, based on the information provided by the parent, guardian or group leader.

Individuals may apply for assistance for any or all of the following expenses:

- 1. Membership Fees:** These are \$25 for youth and \$5 for adults, with a maximum of \$55.00 per family. Participants are encouraged to pay a minimum of \$1.
- 2. Group Dues:** Youth are expected to participate in the Council product fundraiser to qualify for scholarships for group dues. Leaders may request \$4 per registered youth per month for the months of September through December and \$2 per month for the months of January through June. NOTE: Independent members do not qualify for Group dues.
- 3. Emblems, Beads, Vests and Program Books:** When a Group Program Scholarship Request Form is approved by the Council office, the youth qualifies for 50% off the cost of a vest, program book, and/or emblems and beads, up to a maximum amount determined by the Council.
- 4. Council and Program Events:** A separate Event Scholarship Request Form is needed for each Council and Area event, such as the Pacific Science Center Camp-In, Mom-Kid Weekend, Carnival of Beads, etc. The request form must be received in the Council office at least two weeks before the event registration deadline. The Council will then notify the group leader. The credit will cover no more than 50% of the cost of an event. In order for as many children as possible to participate in special events, each child may receive assistance for only two events per program year (September - mid-June).

## **PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

1. The applicant or group leader fills out Sections I, II, and III of the Group Program Scholarship Request Form. The signed form should be sent to the Council office at the following address:

Camp Fire USA  
4241 21st Ave W, Suite 200  
Seattle WA 98199-1250

2. Once scholarship funds are approved, a letter of confirmation will be sent to the parent and the group leader or coordinator. Scholarship money for events will be transferred to the appropriate event account. Checks for group dues will be sent directly to the group leader for deposit into the group treasury. No funds will be given directly to the family.

3. Participants must file a new application form at the beginning of each program year (school year).

Camp Fire USA is committed to providing services to all children without regard to race, gender, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, economic status or mental or physical disabilities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided upon request whenever possible.

