

# **Camp Little Notch Campership Guidelines**

### What is a Campership?

'Campership' is another word for scholarship or financial aid. A campership is financial assistance awarded from our fund to eligible campers who need the assistance in order to attend camp. We believe every child deserves the opportunity to attend camp, regardless of finances. In addition to campership awards, Camp Little Notch can also assist eligible campers with transportation to and from camp, and by providing necessary packing list items for their program.

### **Eligibility Determination**

The amount of assistance for an individual is dependent on the level of financial need. To determine financial need, we utilize the NY state HUD Guidelines, based on counties and/or metropolitan areas where the child resides. Those guidelines can be viewed here.

Based on eligibility compared to the HUD guidelines, we award partial or full scholarships. Partial scholarships range anywhere from 25% and up. *If an application is denied based on income level, the applicant will be contacted, and given the opportunity to inform us of any extenuating circumstances and a further review will be conducted.* 

Any registered child who is planning to attend any of our traditional camp programs, trips, or Counselor-in-Training program is eligible to apply.

We may ask for additional income information if it is deemed necessary.

## **Awarding Criteria**

The basis for granting funds is:

- 1. Girls must be under age 18.
- 2. Financial needs of applicants (report of family income & statement of need).
- 3. Amount of funds available.
- 4. Timeliness of the application (camperships are awarded on a first-come first-served basis).
- 5. Willingness of the girl and her family to help pay for some portion of her camp program fee.
- 6. Submission of an application and completeness of the application.
- 7. Requests can only be for one camp session due to limited funds.

8. There is no guarantee that financial aid will be granted. We strive to assist as many girls with financial need as possible with the available funds. Applying earlier in the year increases the chance of an award being granted. It is possible that a request will be denied due to lack of funds or lack of demonstrated financial need.

#### **How to Apply**

An online campership application form is contained within the registration process for camp programs. To apply, you'll start a registration for a program and one of the first questions will ask you if you'd like to apply for a campership. There is a \$25 non-refundable fee required to process your application; completing the application includes providing all required information *and* paying the fee. Applications cannot be processed without complete information.

<u>Click here to enter the registration portal and complete your camp registration and campership application.</u>

### **Notice about Confidentiality**

All information provided in Campership Applications is strictly confidential. Names of applicants are known only to the necessary staff and the committee granting funds.

### **Process for Awarding of Camperships**

- The Camp Little Notch Finance Committee makes all decisions for campership awards.
- Applications are processed on a rolling basis. Upon receipt of your application, a
  team member will reach out to confirm that it is complete and being sent to the
  Finance Committee for review. At that time, a timeline will also be provided of
  when you can expect a determination.