

# YMCA CAMP COLLINS Scholarship Program Policies and Instructions

## **Policy Statement**

It is the intention of YMCA Camp Collins to provide services to all those who request them regardless of economic limitations. This is accomplished by setting fees at rates affordable to the majority of residents in the service area and by providing a scholarship program for those who request and prove they are in need of fee adjustments.

#### Guidelines

The YMCA believes a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed if the scholarship recipient contributes to the cost of their YMCA involvement. Therefore, all applicants will be required to pay a portion of the camp fees. A sliding scale of family income is used to help determine eligibility, see our website for more details. Staff will have the discretion to take into account special situations while striving for fair and equitable distribution of available resources with the goal of treating similarly situated individuals and families equally. The program will be operated with strict confidentiality to maintain and strengthen the dignity of all applicants.

In keeping with the YMCA's commitment to serve the entire community, we believe that it is critical to provide camp scholarships to families at a rate consistent with their representation in the YMCA of Columbia-Willamette's service area. Our goal at YMCA Camp Collins is to never turn a child away for the inability to pay the full fees. However, our general quideline is to provide scholarships to no more than 35% of the campers enrolling in camp, and not less than 20%.

Scholarship eligibility will be determined by the Executive Director or their designee, based on a review of the required documentation listed below. The YMCA reserves the right to refuse a scholarship to any applicant.

Scholarship applications must be submitted, reviewed, and accepted one week prior to the start of the session.

## Eligibility

Scholarships will be granted on the basis of financial need. Scholarship applications must be re-submitted each year. The following documents are required to be considered for a camp scholarship:

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- □ Income verification (copies of paystubs, unemployment checks and/or other types of assistance)
- ☐ Proof of child(ren) dependency
  - copy of most recent tax return showing child(ren) as dependents or a letter from the school stating parents or quardians listed on file.
  - Official school documentation that lists the applicant as the parent or guardian on school record.
  - Medical form that lists applicant as parent or quardian.
  - Custody paperwork.

Scholarships may be awarded for only one session of overnight camp, no more than three sessions of day camp <u>or</u> one family camp weekend. Scholarships are available for a maximum of 65% of the cost of camp programs. Submit applications to: YMCA Camp Collins - Office Administrator, 3001 SE Oxbow Parkway, Gresham, OR 97080.

### Funding and Award Process

Funds are the result of the generosity of YMCA supporters who give to the annual YMCA Community Support Campaign. Awards are made without regard to race, religion, sex, or any other legally protected status.

The evaluation process may take up to 5–7 business days once the completed application and all required supporting documentation has been received. Incomplete applications will not be processed. You will be contacted by a member of the camp office staff to notify you of your scholarship award.

If scholarship is accepted before June 1st a \$50 deposit is required for camp registration. Acceptance after June first requires total balance due at time of registration.

If you have further questions, please contact the Camp Collins office at 503-663-5813 or email campcollins@ymcacw.org



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Evaluated by: Confirmed By:

Letter

Date

Phone

\$ To Pay:

Please fill out this form **completely** if you are interested in receiving scholarship from YMCA Camp Collins for any of its programs. Scholarships are made possible through the generosity of donors. This form is a legal document which must be filled out completely and accurately every year. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Scholarships are based on several factors and this form is not a guarantee of eligibility.

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Participant Last Name:		First:	Grade:
3 <sup>rd</sup> Participant Last Name:		First:	Grade:
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Date Evaluated:

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No

Date Received:

Yes

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