

## Campership Information and Application

### Purpose

Skyland Camp & Retreats established Campership Financial Aid to provide up to 50% camp tuition assistance for campers whose families would not otherwise be able to afford the Skyland experience. The fund also strengthens the Skyland community by making camp more accessible to campers of diverse backgrounds.

### Eligibility

Families are required to complete online registration for their camper prior to submitting a campership request/application. No campership application will be accepted without a completed registration. To register, go to [www.skylandcamp.com](http://www.skylandcamp.com) > Girl's Camp > Girl's Camp Dates and Rates > Choose your session and click "Register".

- Financial aid does not automatically renew each year, and families are not guaranteed to receive financial aid based on past awards.
- Multiple applicants from one family or household are eligible to receive financial aid.
- Skyland financial aid may only be applied to the cost of program tuition. Financial aid may not be applied towards past due fees, camper spending accounts, or the required program deposit.
- Skyland financial aid is limited to Girls Camp sessions (Mini Camps are not eligible for financial aid)
- The following individuals are not eligible to receive financial aid: Campership committee members, donors to the program, American Camp Association (ACA) board members, ACA officers, persons in a position to exercise substantial influence over the ACA within the last five years, persons who have contributed in excess of \$5,000 to the ACA within the last year, or family members of any of the foregoing persons.

### Application

The Skyland Campership Financial Aid application is available in January of each year and should be completed by the camper's parent/guardian. **Applications must be postmarked by March 1st** to be considered for an award for the coming summer. Each application must include a copy of the family's current year tax return (first page of the 1040). If a family does not file tax a return, a signed letter from a government services worker stating the benefits is acceptable. All sections of the application must be filled out. Incomplete applications will not be accepted by the campership committee.

Campership financial aid can offer up to 50% off Girls Camp tuition based on eligibility. If campership funds awarded are not deemed by the family to be enough to support the applicant's needs, the family may cancel their registration within 14 days of the award notification. In such cases, the family will receive a 100% refund of any fees paid, including the tuition deposit. While we cannot guarantee tuition assistance for every applicant, we hope that no one will be discouraged from applying simply because of cost. With that in mind, please indicate on the application if your camper would be able to attend only with financial assistance.

### Notification and Distribution of Awards

Families will be notified of award decisions no later than **March 31st**. The amount awarded to any camper shall not exceed the cost of tuition minus the deposit required for their chosen program for that particular season. The amount awarded will be automatically deducted from the cost of the camper's tuition upon the family's acceptance in writing of the award.

### Additional Requirements of Recipients

Campership recipients (or their families) are asked to send a letter of appreciation to the campership committee after returning from their camp session. These letters may be used towards fundraising efforts in the future. The letters should articulate how attending Skyland Camp positively impacted the awardee's summer, any new learning or new connections, and experiences they particularly enjoyed during their time at camp.

*The identities of fund recipients are kept private except with permission from the camper and her family.*

### Campership Financial Aid Application

Please read the financial aid information and eligibility guidelines carefully prior to applying. **Applications must be postmarked by March 1st.** Please scan and e-mail your signed and completed application to mailbox@skylandcamp.com with a subject line of "Skyland Campership Financial Aid". Alternatively, you may mail your application, with all parts included, to Skyland Camp at P.O. Box 128 - Clyde, NC 28721.

*Incomplete applications will not be considered for financial aid. Be sure all sections of your application are completed.*

#### Custodial Parent / Guardian Information

Custodial Parent / Guardian Name(s):

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Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

City:

State:

Zip Code:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:

Email Address:

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#### Optional Demographic Questions - for tracking purposes only

*Please describe your family status:*

- Married / Partnered
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Single (never married)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your camper would describe her race or ethnicity as:*

- American Indian / Native American
- Asian / Asian American
- Black / African American
- Bi/Multiracial

White / Caucasian

- Hispanic / Latino
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*What, if any, is your camper's religious preference?* \_\_\_\_\_

**Camper Information**

Camper Name:

Date of Birth:

Which session will the camper attend:  Main Camp  Starter Camp Session 1  Starter Camp Session 2

Camper's Current Grade:

Has the camper ever attended Skyland Camp before:  Yes  No

If yes, please list programs and dates of attendance:

Does the camper have any relatives or siblings who attend or have attended Skyland:  Yes  No

If yes, please list names and years of attendance (*attach separate paper if necessary*)

**Financial Information**

Total Gross Family Income (for the most recent tax year): \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED:** Please attach a copy of your family's current tax return (first page of the 1040). If your family does not file a tax return, a signed letter from a government services worker stating your benefits is acceptable.

Number of people in household:

Ages of other children in household:

Please help the Skyland Campership Committee understand why you are requesting tuition assistance for your camper to attend Skyland Camp.

How much of tuition will be paid by:

Camper/ Parents: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Programs/ Fundraising: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of financial assistance requested from the Campership Financial Aid (up to 50% of tuition total):

## Tell Us About Your Camper

When campers come to Skyland, they become part of the Skyland community. The Skyland community brings together people with different backgrounds, interests and experiences, and each individual strengthens the bonds between us.

Please take this opportunity to share this camper's unique qualities -what will she bring to the Skyland community, and how will the experience benefit her?

*You may respond however you'd like -through essay, pictures, poetry, interviews, video, or even paintings. Please keep written pieces to a maximum of 500 words and video to a maximum of five minutes. Attach as a separate document.*

## Checklist

**Before submitting your camper's Campership Application, be sure you have:**

- Registered your camper online for her desired Girls Camp session
- Attached the first page of the current year's 1040 OR a signed letter from a government service worker stating your benefits.
- Attached the "Tell Us About Your Camper" section
- Completed **all** sections of the application. (Incomplete applications will not be considered by the committee)

By signing below, the undersigned attests that, to the best of their knowledge, the camper is eligible for a campership and that the information provided on this application is true. The camper and her family have determined that it is appropriate and beneficial for the camper to participate in a residential summer camp program with Skyland Camp & Retreats.

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Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date