



WENASA QUENHOTAN LODGE
ORDER OF THE ARROW

**YOUTH CAMPING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
PURPOSE AND GUIDELINES**

PURPOSE:

To provide limited financial assistance to registered Boy Scouts in the W. D. Boyce Council for the purpose of camping at Ingersoll Scout Reservation (ISR).

GUIDELINES:

1. All allocated funds in the Youth Camping Financial Assistance or “Camperships” budget line item are maintained exclusively for use under these guidelines.
2. Youth applicants must be a registered and active with a Scouts BSA troop or Venture Crew in the W. D. Boyce Council.
3. Financial assistance will be awarded based on merit and financial need, without regard to race, gender, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.
4. All requests must be submitted to the selection committee no later than 60 days before the first day of summer camp at ISR. This date will change from year to year, depending on the camp schedule.
5. This program is intended only for youth Scouts who are 20 years old and younger, regardless of their membership in the Order of the Arrow. All adults 21 or older, whether OA members or non-members, are not eligible.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

1. The criteria for financial assistance include merit and the financial needs of the applicant and family, as documented on the Wenasa Quenhotan Youth Camping Financial Assistance Application.
2. Applicants must be a registered and active member of a Scouts BSA troop or Venture Crew in the W.D. Boyce Council at the time of the application. The Unit Leader will attest to the qualifications of the applicant by signing the application.
3. Applicants do not need to be a member of the Order of the Arrow in Wenasa Quenhotan lodge or another lodge to apply for financial assistance.
4. Financial assistance will only cover a portion of the total fee for a week of summer camp at ISR. Based on the total registration fee and the Scout’s other financial resources, the assistance may be less than half of the registration fee, but will not exceed half of the registration fee.
5. Financial assistance can only be used for a Scout to attend a full week of summer camp at Ingersoll Scout Reservation. Scouts attending camps outside of the W.D. Boyce Council are not eligible and will not be considered.
6. Only one Financial Assistance Application from any individual will be considered each calendar year.
7. Application must be signed by the applicant, his or her parent/guardian and Unit Leader.
8. To be considered for financial assistance, a Scout must participate, to the best of his or her ability, in all fundraising programs and opportunities presented by his troop.

9. The Scout must submit a minimum 250-word essay with his or her application explaining why camping is an important part of the Scouting experience. This essay should be his or her own, original work.
10. The selection committee will consist of at least two adults and three youth representatives from the Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge Executive Committee; one of the youth will be the current Lodge Chief, and one of the adults will be the current Lodge Advisor.
11. Wenasa Quenhotan lodge reserves the right to make no financial assistance awards during a year 1) If there are no qualified applicants, 2) If funds are not budgeted, or 3) Under other circumstances as determined by the Lodge Executive Committee.
12. This program should be considered a supplement to, not a replacement of, national, council, and community-level scholarship, campership, or financial assistance programs. Scouts applying for assistance should also apply for any scholarship, campership, or other financial assistance offerings for which they qualify.
13. Personal information provided on the financial assistance application will be kept confidential and only made available to the selection committee members.
14. Financial assistance will not be given to a successful applicant as cash. Instead, the amount due to the Council for summer camp from the Scout and his family will be adjusted, and funds will be moved directly from the Wenasa Quenhotan funds to the W.D. Boyce Council.
15. Administration of this program falls under the responsibilities of the Vice Chief for Administration and his or her advisor.
16. Amendments to these guidelines can be made with a majority vote of the Lodge Executive Committee.

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