



2019 Scholarship Policy

Camp Weed and the Diocese of Florida are happy to award more than \$10,000 in scholarships each year. These awards are made possible by the Bullock Scholarship Fund, founded in memory of Rev. Stanley Bullock, by the proceeds from our Canteen, by offerings at our Closing Eucharist, and by other donations.

In order to provide scholarships to as many campers with the greatest need as possible, Camp Weed Summer Camp will use the following policies:

- 1. A scholarship application must be completed and submitted by April 15 for each individual camper. Do not put multiple campers on one application.**
 - a. Applications may be submitted by mail to: Camp Weed Summer Camp, % Allison Vining, 11057 Camp Weed Pl., Live Oak, FL 32060 or by email to allison@campweed.org.
 - i. Applications submitted to other places may not be considered.
 - b. Providing additional information (tax returns, proof of free or reduced lunch, etc.) is welcome and encouraged.
 - c. Changes and additional information may be submitted through the channels above any time before the deadline.
- 2. Scholarship applications do not serve as camp registration.**
 - a. If you are confident your child will attend camp regardless of scholarship, please register him/her as soon as possible.
 - b. If your child's attendance is dependant upon this scholarship, we understand. Please register him/her after hearing of your award status.
- 3. Scholarship awards are at the sole discretion of the scholarship committee.**
 - a. The camp director, camp assistant director, and three other members/employees of the Diocese will comprise the scholarship committee.
 - b. Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee after the April 15 deadline. Applicants will be notified after that date.
 - c. All information viewed by and discussed amongst the scholarship committee will be kept confidential.
 - d. The camp director and/or the scholarship committee may choose to verify information by reaching out to you and/or your priest.

- e. Applicants will be notified via email. Please monitor your email regularly in the weeks following the April 15 deadline.
 - f. Churches (youth leaders and/or clergy) will be notified of scholarship awards from their church so that they can prepare funding.
 - g. The camp director will serve as the liaison between the scholarship committee and applicants.
 - i. Contacting other scholarship committee members about scholarships may result in ineligibility or revocation of award.
- 4. Scholarship awards and amounts depend on need and availability.**
- a. Our scholarship committee will take into consideration financial need and extenuating circumstances (job loss, illness, etc.).
 - b. Receipt of scholarship award(s) in previous years does not guarantee receipt for the current camp year.
 - c. To make this process easier, we ask that families are transparent about their circumstances and only request the scholarship amount they need.
 - d. Depending on funds and availability, we may not be able to award the amount of assistance requested.
- 5. Camp Weed believes that a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed if the financial assistance recipient contributes to the cost of camp. Therefore, the maximum financial assistance award available is ⅓ of the cost of camp (\$373.33).**
- a. Please use this information to make appropriate plans for funding.
 - b. No ⅓ scholarships are guaranteed.
- 6. Scholarship assistance is limited to one session per camper.**
- a. If you choose to send your camper to two sessions of camp, he/she will only be considered for one session.
 - b. Our leaders-in-training (LITs) will be an exception to this policy. LITs may receive a scholarship to both Senior Session and their LIT session or to multiple LIT sessions.
- 7. We will reserve eight spots per session for campers receiving scholarships.**
- a. Campers will be asked to rank their preference of session on their scholarship application. Upon reviewing that, we will offer scholarships based on preference and need.
 - b. Registering through CampBrain does not guarantee that you will receive a scholarship to your desired session. You may be offered a scholarship to a different session. If that happens, you will need to choose between remaining in your desired session or switching to one of our other sessions where a scholarship is available.

- c. Campers who don't receive a scholarship to their requested session may still attend their requested session without scholarship.
 - d. If funds are available to award more than 40 scholarships, additional scholarships will be offered to sessions with lower registration numbers at the discretion of the scholarship committee.
 - e. Mini Camp is an exception. We will reserve five scholarships for Mini Camp.
- 8. We request that applicants who attend church contact their church to ask what they are able to contribute to the camper's tuition.**
- a. If they agree to contribute, please write that amount on your scholarship form.
 - b. If the amount is \$0 or left blank, our camp director and/or scholarship committee may reach out to your church to ask them to contribute.
 - c. Our camp director and/or scholarship committee may also reach out to your church if we believe we'll be unable to meet your financial need.
- 9. Any scholarship amounts awarded will be applied to room and standard meals provided. It does not include any purchases made at the Camp Store or additional costs for activities. Purchases made at the Camp Store will be the sole responsibility of the parent.**
- 10. Separate arrangements have been made in partnership with special programs through St. James, Grace Mission, and St. Andrew's - Interlachen. As these special programs impact low-income youth, they will follow separate policies.**
- a. Participants in these programs will not be required to submit individual applications. Instead, their registration information will be submitted by their church.
 - b. Each church will screen their own participants and request the necessary number of scholarships.
 - c. These campers will receive 1/3 scholarships to sessions selected by the camp director.
- 11. Households receiving scholarships are required to write thank you letters to be shared with donors.**
- a. Letters may come from parents/guardians or campers.
 - b. If requested, letters can remain anonymous outside of the camp director.
 - c. If no letter is received, the household will be ineligible for financial assistance for summer 2019.
- 12. If you have issues with your award, please contact our camp director directly.**
- a. We will not speak to anyone (including clergy, youth leaders, etc.) about issues with your award unless you have contacted us directly first.

Additional Funding Opportunities

In addition to or instead of a Diocesan scholarship, we encourage you to consider outside funding opportunities. Some of these funding opportunities include:

- Local churches
- Savings plans
- Local jobs (grass cutting, pet sitting, etc.)
- Early bird discount (save \$20 by registering before Jan. 1)
- Refer a friend \$25 per referral
 - Referrals must register for camp. Learn more about our referral program at campweed.org.
- Tax refunds
- Birthday/Christmas gifts
 - Don't be afraid to ask for camp as a gift! We can provide gift certificates.
- Change jar

Questions or Concerns?

Contact camp director Allison Vining at allison@campweed.org or (386) 364-5250.