



2024 Scholarship Policies

Camp Weed and the Diocese of Florida are happy to award more than \$10,000 in scholarships every year to families in need! 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 30 for each individual camper. Do not put multiple campers on one application.**
 - a. Applications will be submitted online through a Google Form: <https://forms.gle/dmnTXtL1JmVJa5Vd8>
 - 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.
 - i. These can be submitted by mail: Camp Weed Summer Camp, % Sam Marxsen, 11057 Camp Weed Pl., Live Oak, FL 32060 or by email to sam@campweed.org.
 - c. Changes to the application can be made at any time before the deadline by referring to the confirmation email you should receive from “Google Forms” once you submit the application. The confirmation/summary email will have a link to “edit response”.
2. **Scholarship applications do not serve as camp registration.**
 - a. If you are confident your child will attend camp regardless of scholarship, please register them as soon as possible.
 - b. If your child’s attendance is dependent upon this scholarship, we understand. Please contact Camp Director Sam Marxsen at sam@campweed.org for assistance.
3. Scholarship awards are at the sole discretion of the scholarship committee.
 - a. Five members/employees of the Diocese will comprise the scholarship committee, appointed by the Camp Director and the Executive Director of Camp Weed.
 - b. Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee after the April 30 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 30 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 $\frac{2}{3}$ of the cost of camp (\$400, \$266 for Mini Camp).
 - a. Please use this information to make appropriate plans for funding.
 - b. No $\frac{2}{3}$ 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, they will only be considered for one session.
 - b. Our counselors-in-training (CITs) will be an exception to this policy. CITs may receive a scholarship to both Senior Session and their CIT session. These will be considered separately.
7. 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.
8. Any scholarship amounts awarded will be applied to tuition only. It does not include any purchases made at the Camp Store for merchandise. Purchases made at the Camp Store will be the sole responsibility of the parent.
9. Separate arrangements have been made in partnership with special programs through St. James, Grace Mission, St. Mary's, 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 $\frac{1}{3}$ scholarships to sessions selected by the camp director.
10. 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
- 2023 Discount (save \$30 by registering by January 1)
- Early bird discount (save \$15 by registering by March 1)
- Tax refunds
- Birthday/Christmas gifts
 - Don't be afraid to ask for camp as a gift! We can provide gift certificates.

Questions or Concerns?

Contact Camp Director Sam Marxsen at sam@campweed.org or (386) 364-5250.