

YMCA Camp Roger Financial Assistance Policy



We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

What is YMCA financial assistance?

The YMCA strives to serve all people regardless of ability to pay. Financial assistance is a scholarship that provides fee assistance for deserving campers. Scholarships provide the opportunity for kids to attend camp who otherwise might not be able to due to financial limitations.

Who is eligible to receive financial assistance?

The YMCA uses HUD federal income guidelines based on family size and household income to determine those that qualify for financial assistance.

Economic need is the primary criteria for receiving a scholarship. Families are eligible regardless of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, financial status, marital status, sexual orientation or disability. We strive to achieve more diversity in our campers, and therefore actively seek out relationships with schools and partnering organizations who will help us provide scholarships to a diverse group of children.

As we hope to allow as many children as possible to attend as a result of our fundraising, we grant financial assistance for one session per camper. We welcome siblings from the same family.

What is the process?

Parents complete the standard camp registration form, including the financial assistance box, and return with documented proof-of-income (copy of current tax return, W-2s, paycheck stubs) and \$50 deposit. *The YMCA will notify your family no later than June 1st regarding your exact scholarship amount.*

How is financial assistance distributed?

A portion of the scholarships will be given on a first-come first-served basis depending on space available in the requested camp session. Remaining scholarships will be set aside for clients of partnering organizations.

The executive director can allow for special-case judgement in awarding scholarships. Extenuating circumstances, recent changes in family situation, history of a family with our YMCA (i.e. volunteering for camp clean-up day) and other factors can allow for case-by-case decisions.

What is the role of partnering organizations?

The YMCA will work with selected partnering organizations in order to give more children from diverse backgrounds, religions and races equal opportunities to attend camp. The partnering organizations will assist in recruiting campers to

attend Camp Roger, help parents complete necessary paperwork and make sure that the camper is ready to go when camp begins. Any other support the partnering organization can give the first-time campers and parents is helpful and appreciated.

Will my child receive a full (100%) scholarship?

No. We have found that families that make an investment are more likely to attend camp, whereas families that do not make an investment are very likely to back out at the last minute. Our minimum fee for those in the greatest financial need is \$50. Occasionally a partnering organization will offer to pay all of the parent's share. We strongly urge against that, as our experience has been that it leads to a very high chance of cancellation. However, we gladly welcome organizations that help us stretch our scholarship dollars by offering to contribute toward a child's scholarship or paying a portion of the parent's fee.

What if my scholarship is not enough?

In the event that the YMCA is not able to provide you with a scholarship that meets your family's needs, you may request a refund of your \$50 deposit in writing no later than 2 weeks before your child's camp session. Verbal requests and requests received less than 2 weeks before your child's camp session will not be honored.

Does the YMCA offer other ways to help raise money to pay for camp?

The YMCA highly recommends that you begin teaching your child responsibility, a YMCA value, before s/he goes to camp. A great way to do this is by encouraging your child to help you save money to pay for camp or by volunteering at Camp Clean-Up Day.

Where does the funding for scholarships come from?

- ◆ YMCA Fundraising
- ◆ George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation
- ◆ Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake
- ◆ Kennecott Utah Copper
- ◆ Masonic Foundation of Utah
- ◆ Pepsi
- ◆ Donations from other campers and parents

Questions?

Please contact the camp registrar at 801.466.6299.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Scholarship Potential: The YMCA needs and appreciates volunteers. Because of IRS income reporting laws, the YMCA cannot give out a specific dollar amount scholarship in exchange for volunteer service, but we can show special consideration to families that give back to our YMCA through service.

#1

What: Camp Clean-Up Day

When: Saturday, June 7, 2008 from 9am-4pm

How it works: Because Camp Roger is dormant all winter long, opening camp for the summer is a big task. Trash needs to be picked up, brush needs to be cleared, cabins need to be cleaned and painted, furniture needs to be moved around and more! Each year, the YMCA organizes a group of volunteers to undertake this project and we want to invite the campers and their families to assist. Come prepared to work by wearing old clothes, comfortable shoes and a pair of working gloves. We also request that each worker bring a water bottle. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Please RSVP with your name and the # of children/adults no later than May 12th. The YMCA can provide transportation to a limited number of individuals based on first-come first-serve RSVPs.

#2

What: Volunteering at the YMCA's Fundraiser

When: Thursday, April 17th, 2008

How it works: Contact the YMCA for scheduling and tasks.

#3

What: Volunteering in the YMCA office

When: Varies (Some projects may be worked on from your home in the evenings/weekends.)

How it works: Contact the YMCA for availability and tasks.

