



2016 -Tuition Assistance and Scholarship Application

Camp Hope provides partial tuition assistance awards to those who can demonstrate financial need. The largest awards will not exceed 50% of the program's total tuition;

NAME(S) OF CAMPER(S):

ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER:

I certify, that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein is full, accurate, and truthful:

Parent Signature

Date

Aid Application Checklist:

- Statement of Need:** Attach a brief essay describing your financial situation and need for aid including any extenuating circumstances, such as medical expenses, that may not be apparent on tax forms.
- Tax Forms:** Attach copies of tax forms (1040 forms AND W2s or 1099s) for the year(s) 2015 for both (two) parents/guardians.
- Paycheck Stubs:** Attach copies of both parent's most recent 2 paycheck stubs.
- Reg. Fee and Camp Application:** Registration Fee and Camp Application must accompany this form. If you decide to cancel enrollment, you must notify us within 10 days of award notification in order to receive a full refund. If you paid your registration fee online, please attach a printed copy of your application.

Priority Deadline: for earliest consideration, please submit this application by April 8, 2016. Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they were received. For applicants that apply by the priority deadline, we will announce aid decisions by April 22, 2016. **Mail completed application and supplemental materials to:**

Center for Hope Ministries 14940 Old Colonial Rd., Bloomington, IL, 61705



Camp Hope – Tuition Assistance FAQ

What factors does Camp Hope (CH) consider when making tuition assistance decisions?

The Tuition Assistance awards are given based on financial need. CH requires families to send in tax forms, recent paycheck stubs and a brief essay describing that family's financial situation.

Where do the funds for CH's tuition assistance come from? Funds are provided by Center for Hope Ministries and/or through joint sponsorship arrangements between CH and other organizations.

What is the deadline to apply for tuition assistance? Applications received by the Priority Deadline will be reviewed in the order they are received for the first round of awards. It is best to send in your application as early as possible. Applications received after the Priority Deadline will also be reviewed in the order they are received, but submission may result in notification of award status as late as the week before the program start date.

How many tuition assistance awards does CH give each session? There is no set number of awards given each session. Our budget for tuition assistance is dependent on overall enrollment in a given summer and other funding as CH can secure it. Therefore, we will not be able to determine the number of awards until the late spring. We will do everything we can to accommodate as many tuition assistance requests as possible.

What are the income parameters for a family to receive tuition assistance? The specific income parameters are in line with the most current State of Illinois Poverty Guidelines; CH will review all applications and is willing to consider special circumstances. Typically, families who receive our larger awards make no more than \$30,000 yearly (sometimes far less).

Do I need to pay the camp registration fee if I am applying for a Camp Scholarship? The appropriate camp registration fee is required to apply for the general Tuition Assistance Program. If your attendance at CH summer program is dependent upon receiving aid and we are unable to grant your request, or you do not receive a large enough award, your deposit may be refunded to you. If you decide to cancel enrollment, you must notify us within 10 days of award notification in order to receive a full refund of your deposit.

What if tax forms are not available for both parents/guardians? Until all application materials are received, we generally cannot consider an applicant for an aid award. If a parent/guardian does not have tax forms, or if it is absolutely impossible to get in touch with one parent, please provide as much information as you can about the situation. Documents such as unemployment notices, medical records, W2s, etc. can be sent in to give our Financial Aid Board a better idea of your family's financial situation. The more information we have about a particular applicant, the more likely CH will be able to give an award.

When will I hear from Camp Hope about my tuition assistance award? For applications received by the Priority Deadline, we will make every effort to send a letter or email notification of our financial aid decision within the following week. Families who apply the Priority Deadline will likely not hear back from us for at least 3 weeks and may not hear back from us until shortly before the camp's start date, as late aid applications are generally awaiting allotment of new funds.

How else can I get financial assistance to attend Camp Hope? We strongly recommend that families begin to secure financial assistance outside of CH's tuition assistance program as early as possible. We would be glad to help your family set up a pre-payment plan. Through these individualized plans, families are able to make payments in regular installments before the camp's start date. Former families have had success getting additional funding from schools, local business or fundraising. We are more than happy to help you with this process by providing letters of intent to attend our program or documentation of all fees. Please contact us to receive a letter with additional ideas about how to secure alternative forms of tuition assistance.