

WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Thank you for your interest in financial assistance for the Wekiva Youth Camp this summer. Unfortunately, funding through the Wekiva Youth Camp is limited and dependent on the availability of funds made possible through the generosity of our donors. Financial assistance money is not raised from the fees we charge our campers. Due to the number of families seeking financial aid, as a matter of policy, we do not provide full camperships (Camp financial assistance may cover up to 50% of the camp registration fee), nor do we provide camperships to the same child twice in the same summer. Financial aid is available for one session only and to campers who are already registered for a camp session. All prospective campers in financial need are eligible to apply.

As an option for financial assistance, we recommend that you look to alternative sources before applying for aid such as sponsorships from local federated garden clubs, circles or districts or consider volunteering for the week your child is attending camp.

If you are applying for more than one child, please include separate letters with each child's information.

Application for financial assistance must be received by **1 APRIL ANNUALLY**. Application may be made by email to wekivachairman@gmail.com or by mailing your application to Wekiva Youth Camp Chairman Christy Linke, 2909 Aston Avenue, Plant City, FL 33566. Financial assistance applications require two to four weeks for processing.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION:

It is our wish to make the application process as easy as possible, but we need to understand why you are requesting financial assistance.

FAMILY INFORMATION: Please attach a short letter telling us about the circumstances that should be considered in reviewing your application. Financial aid is given on an individual basis and is not necessarily need based. Applicants often tell us how they came to know about camp, about the number of dependent children in the household, parental employment circumstances, illness, guardianship, etc. Applicants should tell us how much they feel they can afford to contribute toward camp registration and program fees. Please include your name, phone number and email address so we can contact you if necessary.

CAMPER INFORMATION: Please attach a short letter from the camper as to why they wish to attend the Wekiva Youth Camp this summer. Be sure to include: Camper Name, Birthdate, and what program they are registered to attend.

WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP (WYC) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs):

Q. What is Financial Assistance? A. The WYC believes in providing program services to all who desire to participate. The WYC Financial Assistance program, supported in part by Florida Federated garden clubs and circles uses all available resources to provide support to those who have financial need and qualify for assistance.

Q. Who is eligible for Financial Assistance and how is it determined? A. Anyone may apply for Financial Assistance. Approval of the application is made on an individual basis. The information you submit assists the staff in determining the amount of assistance awarded.

Q. Is it possible to attend Wekiva for free? A. The WYC believes a strong sense of ownership and pride is developed when the financial assistance recipient contributes to the cost of their WYC involvement. Therefore, applicants will be asked to pay a portion of the fee for the requested service.

Q. If I receive Financial Assistance, what is expected of me? A. Upon approval of financial assistance, you will be provided a timeline for fulfilling your part of the financial commitment.

Q. How quickly can I expect to receive this assistance? A. Once the Financial Assistance application and all required paperwork have been submitted to the WYC Chairman, the WYC registrar will contact you within four weeks to review the outcome of your application.

Q. How long will the Financial Assistance continue? A. Need for assistance is assessed on a program-by-program basis. Financial Assistance applications do not carry over from year to year nor does the award.

Q. Who will be reviewing my application? A. Appointed Camp staff will review and process your application. All information is handled confidentially and kept secure.

Q. May I do anything in return for this assistance? A. YES! At the WYC, adults are encouraged to volunteer for a week. Also, WYC donors appreciate learning how their contributions are used. Tell us your story! Submitting a short note about how you or your family benefited from the financial assistance is appreciated and helps us grow our fundraising success.