

POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Completion of the Campership Application form is required to determine the camper’s need for financial assistance and helps AbilityFirst to distribute finite campership funds in a fair and equitable manner. We cannot guarantee that all requests for financial assistance will be granted. The allocation of camperships will depend upon need, the number of requests and the amount of available funds.

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU FOR COMPLETION PRIOR TO PROCESSING AND WILL SLOW DOWN APPROVAL. PROOF OF INCOME MUST BE ATTACHED.

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- A completed campership application and a \$100 deposit must be received for EACH applicant before the camper can be considered for a campership. If the camper does not qualify for financial assistance and decides not to attend camp this summer, the \$100 deposit will be returned.
- Once a campership has been awarded and the camper has committed to attending camp, camp refund policies will apply and the deposit will not be refunded.
- A minimum co-payment of \$150 will be required for all campers receiving a campership. The \$100 deposit will be applied towards the total.
- Camperships are **limited to two per family or group home** and can only be granted for one session per camper, per year.
- Camperships will only be offered for a maximum 5-night stay during SUMMER sessions. Camperships are not available for the Weekend Getaway, Ski Trip or Off-Site Camping programs. Early bird discounts DO NOT apply to scholarship recipients.
- First consideration will be given to Campership Applications received by February 15, 2014. Applications received after February 15 will be considered based on remaining available funds.

To qualify for a campership, please complete the Campership Application form **IN FULL**. Please be assured that all information is kept strictly confidential and only seen by the AbilityFirst selection committee.

Eligibility is based on family income (not expenses) and preference will be given to applicants with income at or below the levels in the following chart:

2014 FAMILY INCOME GUIDELINES

300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines		
Persons in Family or Household Size	Annual	Monthly
1	\$34,470	\$2,873
2	\$46,530	\$3,878
3	\$58,590	\$4,883
4	\$70,650	\$5,888
5	\$82,710	\$6,893
6	\$94,770	\$7,898
7	\$106,830	\$8,903
8	\$118,890	\$9,908
Each Additional Member Over 8 Persons Add	+\$12,060	

Definitions for Family Income Guidelines Chart:

“Household” means a group of related or non-related individuals who are living as one economic unit and sharing living expenses. Living expenses include rent, clothes, food, doctor bills, utilities, etc.

A “household of one” means a camper who is his/her sole support. Foster children are one-member households only if the welfare/placement agency maintains legal responsibility for the child. **PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU CLAIM THE CAMPER ON YOUR INCOME TAXES, HE/SHE IS A PART OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD AND YOU MUST SUPPLY YOUR PROOF OF INCOME IN ADDITION TO THE CAMPER’S.**