

Application for Scholarship/ Financial Assistance for Youth Group Trips



Youth Group Trips and retreats can have a huge spiritual impact in the life of a teenager. That is why C.S.M. takes several trips throughout the year. We understand that the cost of these trips can be more than some families can bear completely. Generous individuals have donated to a scholarship fund for the explicit purpose of helping students pay for youth trips. The funds are limited and can only be distributed as they are available. We do not want any student to miss out on a trip because they do not have enough money to go. This application is intended to make you aware of how you can receive some scholarship or financial assistance monies to pay for a youth group trip.

We believe that “you value what you work for” and we want to encourage financial responsibility in the lives of students. Rather than just handing them money, we have some steps that we expect each student in need of scholarship/ financial assistance to work through. These steps are intended to ADD TO what you can contribute to a trip and you will still need to personally contribute to the cost. Please allow your child to read and think through all of these steps.

The Steps

1. Sign up for our “Hire a Youth Program” - if/as jobs come in from church members, we have a list of students who are willing to work to make money. Putting yourself on this list could get you a job, but even if you don’t get a job, you show that you are willing to work to pay for your trip! You need to be on this list to receive scholarship money.
2. Look for work in your “circle” - see if there are ways that you can make money for your trip by; babysitting, mowing lawns, pulling weeds, cleaning windows, clearing gutters, washing cars etc. There may be opportunities in your family or neighborhood, go find some!
3. Scholarship– after thinking through the first 2 steps, we can offer some scholarship money as it is available. Everyone who receives any scholarship money will be expected to work as a “volunteer” at the church. We will have times set up for students to come volunteer by taking care of the grounds and property. This may be before or after the trip you received money for. Don’t worry, we are not into slave labor and you will survive:)

In order for us to process this application or consider distributing any jobs or scholarships, you must first register for the trip. We will communicate to each applicant how much money they can receive, but not until after the registration deadline. We need to know how many students are in need, and how much we can afford to give to each student. Students can be eligible for scholarship up to 2 times per calendar year. Ideally, the scholarship covers half of the price of the trip.

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Name _____

What trip are you applying for? _____

How long have you been attending Clearwater Student Ministries? _____

Why do you want to attend this particular trip? Or If you have gone on a trip before, what kind of impact did it have on your spiritual life? _____

Are you willing to put your name on the Hire A Youth list?

Scholarship money awarded :\$ _____ Date of scholarship transfer ____/____/____
(to be filled in by leadership staff only) (to be filled in by leadership staff only)

Hours of volunteer work expected of recipient: _____
(to be filled in by leadership staff only)

*Any money given to the church via the hire a youth program will not be cashed out to students if they decide not to go on the trip. Rather, that money will be reserved for them to use as scholarship for future events. If they never use the money, it will be put into the general scholarship fund.

*The distribution of scholarship money will be at the discretion of the youth ministry leadership team and it will be distributed on an "as needed" basis. By submitting this application you understand and are in compliance with this distribution process.