

## **Talisman Programs Summer Camp Scholarship Information**

The Talisman Programs Scholarship Fund was established to assist approved applicants to the summer camp program in attending when tuition is otherwise unaffordable. Applicants to the scholarship must first be approved as campers, before applying for the scholarship, and pay the camp deposit. If they are not awarded a scholarship, the full deposit will be refunded. Scholarships will be awarded based on family financial need, determined through the scholarship application, accompanying documents and a phone interview with parents, the camper, and references. Not all campers with need may receive scholarships, depending on funds available. There are no full scholarships; all aid is to supplement family contributions.

### **STEPS TO APPLY FOR A TALISMAN PROGRAMS SCHOLARSHIP:**

1. Complete regular camper application online
2. Be approved by the admissions director
3. Pay \$300 deposit
4. Complete scholarship application; return it with requested documents:
  - a. Previous year's income tax form from parents/legal guardians
  - b. Proof of guardianship, if not parents (or if parents are divorced)
  - c. Reduced/free lunch approval, if receiving this

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE:**

1. Enrolled first-time Talisman campers: ages 6-22, accepted into one of our summer sessions
2. Demonstrated financial need
3. Camper must be interested in attending camp (can be hesitant)
4. Scholarships will be awarded for single sessions only; families may not pay for one session and apply for a scholarship for a second session.

### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

Each year, the Talisman administrative team will set funding maximums, based on available funds. If there are not sufficient funds to cover all requests, an in-house lottery will be conducted and funds awarded in order until depleted. If a camper is not awarded a scholarship, the family may receive a full refund of their deposit if they are unable to secure funding.

## Talisman Programs Summer Camp Scholarship Application

*{This must be filled out by the parent/guardian who is financially responsible for the camper.}*

Camper Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Program and Session Accepted for \_\_\_\_\_

Has the camper attended Talisman before? \_\_\_\_\_ How many summers? \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Applying Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1. Based on your last year's Federal Income Tax Return, what was your household's adjusted income that year? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many people are supported by this income in your household/family? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is your camper eligible for free or reduced lunch at school? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please explain any extenuating financial circumstances that affect your ability to pay the tuition for camp this year: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Is your camper eligible for funding assistance for camp (e.g., Extended School Year)? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please explain the source and how much: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What outside funds have you been able to raise (e.g., Rotary Club)? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Attach on a separate sheet any further information you would like us to know about why this scholarship would be beneficial for your camper and your family this year.

Please give one non-related reference who can attest to the benefit of camp to the camper and the need for financial assistance. This could be a school counselor, minister/rabbi, case worker.

Reference Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Camper \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include last year's Federal Income Tax Return and free lunch confirmation (optional).*

**Send to:** Admissions, Talisman Programs, 64 Gap Creek Road, Zirconia, NC 28790