



2026 Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in the Birchwood Wilderness Camp Scholarship Foundation. For more than 50 years we have provided boys the opportunity to join our web of Birchwood family here in the beautiful wilderness of northern Minnesota. As a small, family-owned business, camper tuition fees support Birchwood and all of the summer adventures we provide. However, we recognize that the cost of attending a session may be beyond the reach of many families. Our goal is to make it within reach for those families who might otherwise not be able to give their child a Birchwood summer.

To help us achieve that goal, the Birchwood Wilderness Camp Scholarship Foundation was created in 2021. The Foundation provides tuition assistance to families who would not otherwise be able to afford a session at Birchwood for their child. The Scholarship Committee of the Birchwood Wilderness Camp Scholarship Foundation Advisory Board coordinates an annual fundraising campaign. Contributions to the Scholarship Foundation come from camp families, alumni, current and former staff, individuals, and foundations.

Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and as such, we ask that all applicants do their best to truly assess their ability to contribute to camp tuition. The mission of our Scholarship program is to enable campers to attend whose families have no other means of sending their child to camp. If you have support from other family members or friends who are willing to contribute to your child's tuition, please consider that when completing your application.

Helpful guidelines:

- Scholarships are available for any session, pending session availability at the time of acceptance.
- Scholarship are only available for one session.
- A limited number of full and partial Scholarships are available each summer. In 2026 - We will be awarding 2 full scholarships and 2 partial.
- We are only able to offer one Scholarship per family.
- Previous Scholarship recipients will be considered first for scholarships for the next year, before first year applicants. That being said, a new application and financial documentation will be required each year to verify need.

If your child receives a Scholarship, we would very much appreciate hearing from you, or your child, about their experience at camp. A note, letter, or email recounting their favorite activities, adventures, or memorable moments can be a tremendous help with future fundraising efforts. Sharing a parent or camper's authentic voice describing camp to potential donors can aid us greatly in securing future contributions.

A child's summer camp experience includes new friendships, wonder, fun, challenges, and personal growth. We hear all the time from kids that "Camp is the one place I can really be myself," and "Camp is like my home away from home." There is no better feeling than making that experience a reality, so we look forward to reviewing your Scholarship Application.



The deadline for Scholarship Applications is February 1, 2026. Recipients will be notified by email by February 28. Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed only if additional funding is available.

To apply for a Scholarship, please complete and return the following to the Birchwood office:

- A completed Scholarship Application (including a short essay from the camper, see below).
- Documentation of financial need (IRS Form 1040 from most recent year). If this is not available by the deadline, please estimate the current amount on the Scholarship Application and also include a copy of Form 1040 for the most recent year available.
- Information regarding any unique circumstances not reflected in the application materials. The more information you can provide, the easier it is for us to make decisions that are consistent with the goals of the program.

Completed applications can be scanned and emailed or mailed per the addresses below:

Mail

Birchwood Wilderness Camp
12586 Gunflint Trail,
Slip 85
Grand Marais, MN 55604

Email

office@birchwoodwildernesscamp.com
ATTN: Scholarship Foundation



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Camper Information:

Camper's Name:

Date of Birth:

Camper's Address:

(No. & Street)

(City)

(State & Zip)

Current Grade in School:

Name & Address of School:

Camper Lives With:

Parent Guardian Confidential Statement

Parent 1 Name:

Occupation:

Address:

Phone:

Parent 2 Name:

Occupation:

Address:

Phone:

Parents' Current Marital Status:

Number of persons living in household of child applicant:

Number of dependents of supporting parent(s)/guardian(s):



Are other family members/friends contributing to camp tuition? Yes No

If yes, how much? \$

Have you previously received a Scholarship? Yes No

Adjusted Gross Income for person(s) supporting above child for most recent calendar year:
(include wages, salaries, interest, commissions, dividends): \$

Please attach copy of the first page of IRS Form 1040. Please note that financial information should be included for any parent/guardian who provides financial support, regardless of marital status.

Total non-taxable income of same person(s) for same period: (Social Security, child support, welfare, veteran's benefits, etc.) \$

Scholarships are available for any session, pending space (please see our [web page for dates and fees](#)). Which session are you hoping to enroll in?:

If we are only able to offer your child a partial Scholarship, how much of the fee are you able to pay?
\$

Additional Information: Please use the space below to provide any further information regarding unique circumstances not otherwise reflected in the application materials.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above statements are true.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date



Camper Applicant's Essay

This essay is to help us learn more about you, so please tell us about yourself. What do you like to do? How do you spend your free time? Why do you wish to attend the Birchwood Wilderness Camp? What do you hope to gain from your experience at camp?