



**2019 Washington Family Ranch
Leave No Camper Behind Scholarship Fund
Instructions and Guidelines**
Application Guidelines have been updated for 2019.
Please read through this material carefully.

LNCB Scholarship Fund

Each year, Washington Family Ranch (WFR) staff and friends come together to donate and raise funds to assist kids in getting to camp through the Leave No Camper Behind (LNCB) scholarship program. The primary goal of this fund is to provide scholarships for High School, 9TH Grade, Middle School, Capernaum and YoungLives campers who are attending a Washington Family Ranch Canyon or Creekside summer camp for the **first time**.

Who Can Apply

Scholarships are offered to kids who have faced unusual hardships that would make it difficult for them to attend camp without financial help. The scholarships are granted based on evident financial need, as described in their application materials.

To apply for scholarship, campers must be attending a Young Life summer camp for the first time in their age bracket (first Wyldlife camp, for example) and have not received LNCB funds in the past. The applicant's leader or Area Director fills out and submits the application on behalf of the camper. No application will be accepted directly from a camper or camper's family. All applications must include a photo of the camper. Four YLVS scholarships are awarded per area and two YL and Wyldlife scholarships are awarded per school per camp trip. One additional Capernaum-only scholarship is available per school, per camp trip.

When to Apply

Applications will be accepted **February 1, 2019 through June 1, 2019**. After June 1, new applications will be processed as funds are available. Once funds are depleted, no new applications will be accepted. Applications will be returned to leaders and areas with approval and funds notice, or a request for additional information.

Applications are assessed in the order that they are submitted. The number of scholarships available and the amount of funds awarded per camper is dependent upon donations received at the start of the year.

Application Guidelines

- **Camp Attendance:** The camper must be attending WFR during the regular high school, middle school, YLVS, 6th grade or 9th grade summer camping season.

- **Scholarship Awards:** Scholarship amounts are deducted from the transfer of camp fees for the area at the end of the camper's stay at WFR. No cash is awarded and no funds are sent directly to the camper, leader or club.

***** If the name on the application is not the exact same name used on the A-form you bring to camp, your camper will be listed as a no-show, no funds will be transferred and your camper will not receive their scholarship*****

It is your responsibility to make sure the application and A-form match!! If you find a mistake on your application after it is submitted and need to update it before camp, e-mail Erika at eanderson@wfr.younglife.org

- **First-Time Camper:** A first-time camper is defined as a camper who is attending WFR Canyon or Creekside for the first time. A camper who has attended Creekside camp but did NOT receive LNCB funds is eligible to apply for LNCB funds for their first Canyon camp. A camper may only receive LNCB funds one time, for one camp. In order to maximize the number of campers impacted, LNCB funds are intended for one first-time camping experience for each individual camper, either at Creekside or Canyon.

- **Scholarships per area/school:** Areas may apply for a maximum of 2 scholarships per school for high school and middle school camps, and a maximum of 4 scholarships per AREA for YoungLives camp. Capernaum campers are counted separately from the high school total; each area may apply for one *additional* Capernaum-only scholarship per school. **Please do not apply for more than these parameters.**

- **Early Application Bonus Funds:** Scholarships submitted between February 1st and March 1st will receive an early app bonus of \$50 for high school camps and \$40 for middle school, 6th grade, 9th grade and YLVS camps. This bonus is non-transferrable after March 1st.

- **Funds Amounts:**

- **High school & HS Capernaum: \$170, \$50 early app bonus**
- **Middle school, 9th & 6th grade camp weeks: \$110, \$40 early app bonus**
- **YLVS: \$130, \$40 early app bonus**

- **Criteria for Redemption:** Scholarships are camper-specific and week-specific. If the camper who was awarded funds does not attend during the week specified on their application,

there will be no deduction from the area's total camp cost and the scholarship will be considered unredeemed.

- **Substitute Applications & Transferring Funds:** If a camper cancels their registration or is otherwise unable to attend but has already been awarded a scholarship, their leader may apply to substitute another camper. This is not automatically accepted and the substitute application must meet the same criteria (needs-based, include photo of camper) and be submitted two weeks in advance of that camper's arrival at WFR. **No substitute applications will be accepted during or after the camp week.** Substitutions made before March 1st will retain the early application bonus. Substitutions made after March 1st will receive the standard scholarship amount for that camp.

- **Follow-up Requirements:** As part of the LNCB program, each area with awarded scholarships must send a follow-up after their camp week. This may be a note written by the camper or by the leader, with or without photos from camp. These follow-up notes are used to encourage and inform camp staff, donors and prayer partners, and should include some specific details about that camper's week at camp and their leader's efforts to continue investing in them after camp.

Follow-ups may be submitted by mail to:

WFR, attn. Erika Anderson,
P.O. Box 220
1 Muddy Road
Antelope, OR, 97001

or on-line at <https://washingtonfamilyranch.wufoo.com/forms/leave-no-camper-behind-thank-you/>

- **Follow-ups are due October 1st.** Failure to submit a follow-up will result in the area being ineligible for LNCB funds the following year. **It is the area's responsibility to submit follow-ups. If a camper chooses not to send a thank-you note, the leader must send a follow-up note instead.**

- **Prayer Partners:** Washington Family Ranch staff and others who have donated to this fund will be praying specifically for each LNCB camper by name. The prayer partner will receive a copy of the follow-up info as well.

- **Photo Required:** Application must include a recent photo of the individual applicant. To upload a photo, first save it on your computer in .jpg, .gif, .png, or .pdf format to upload photo file to the form. Photos of just the camper are preferred. If there is more than one person in the photo, use the narrative area to let us know which person is the camper.

- **Financial Details:** Application must state in detail the reason why you believe this camper needs financial assistance and should include a more detailed explanation than “they could not come to camp without the scholarship” or “money is tight.”

- Key indicators of financial need would be:
 - Parental unemployment
 - cut in work hours or low paying jobs
 - loss of home or business
 - qualifying for food stamps, free lunch, subsidized housing
 - mounting medical bills
 - refusal of parents to pay for a ‘Christian’ camp, i.e. spiritual poverty

Demographic Information

- This section is voluntary and will be used in follow-up materials for a grant received for the LNCB scholarship fund. Statistical data only will be used, with no personal information from campers or leaders. Responses to this section have zero impact on scholarship funds awarded and do not replace financial information provided in the appropriate space.

APPLY HERE on or after February 1st:

<https://washingtonfamilyranch.wufoo.com/forms/zavzmdd1yn1nfa/>

Application must be completed in one sitting, as the form may not be saved in order to complete at a later date. Feel free to click on the link to see what fields are required. Link is reusable and may be forwarded to your area staff and team leaders. When forwarding the link to leaders, we recommend you also forward this LNCB instruction packet as well.

Financial need must be related specifically to the camper and his/her situation. Simply stating that the camper comes from a poor area is insufficient information to qualify camper for the LNCB scholarship.

Lack of details on financial need and lack of a photo of the camper are the #1 reasons for applications returned/delayed/declined.

Incorrect first name/last name and incorrect week of attendance are the #1 reasons a camper who did attend camp will be listed as no-show and lose their scholarship.

Please ensure all information on your LNCB applications is correct.