

2026 SUMMER NATURE CAMP

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Summer Camp Scholarship Program is a financial assistance opportunity designed to provide a wonderful camp experience to children who would not be able to participate without assistance. The Arboretum has a limited number of scholarships available for children ages 5-10 who meet the eligibility requirements. This year's scholarship week camp theme is "Weird & Wild Nature," and the dates for the session are July 13-17, 9am-5pm. Applicants must commit to attending at least four out of the five camp days in order to be considered.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

To apply for a scholarship, families must complete all of the following steps:

- Complete an application for each child.
- Provide documentation to verify eligibility (see section below).
- Email application and eligibility documentation to brooke.applegate@arboretum.org.
- If accepted, pay a \$25 application fee, due immediately upon confirmation of award.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

To qualify for a Summer Nature Camp scholarship, families must provide Proof of Eligibility from ONE of the three eligibility categories below:

ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY #1:

Photo of qualification letter or current card showing participation in one of the following eligible programs:

- Medi-Cal/Low Income Health Insurance
- CalFresh
- WIC
- CalWORKs (TANF)

➤ *Note: When sending documentation, please cover account numbers but leave names visible.*

ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY #2:

A signed, self-certification statement indicating household income falls within the "Very Low Income" category for LA County, and expressing why you are in need of a scholarship:

- **Persons in household/Income limit categories:**
 - 2 people/\$55,450 or less total annual household income
 - 3 people/\$62,400 or less total annual household income
 - 4 people/\$69,350 or less total annual household income

5 people/\$74,900 or less total annual household income
6 people/\$80,450 or less total annual household income
7 people/\$86,000 or less total annual household income
8 people/\$91,550 or less total annual household income

- By submitting self-certification, applicants certify that household income is within the stated limits. Eligibility may be reviewed at any time, and applicants agree to submit proof of income-based eligibility upon request. Accepted documentation may include pay stubs, tax forms, or other official correspondence.
- *For additional information, visit the State Income Limits page [HERE](#).*

ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY #3:

We understand that some families may be facing financial difficulties based on circumstances that are not represented in categories #1 and #2 above. If you fall into this category, to apply you may submit a one-page document explaining your reasons for needing camp financial assistance with your application.

POLICIES

Please review the following policies before submitting an application:

- All scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Applications with missing information will not be considered.
- Applications without documentation of eligibility will not be considered.
- Acceptance/denial letters will be emailed within one week of receiving complete applications.
- A \$25 application fee will be required if accepted, due immediately upon approval.
- Any person discovered to have falsified their eligibility will be disqualified from current or future scholarship consideration.
- Scholarship recipients must not accept a space unless they can firmly commit to attend.

PLEASE PROCEED TO THE APPLICATION ON THE NEXT PAGE.

ARBORETUM CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

STEP 1

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION:

Guardian's Name: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Guardian's Email Address: _____

Guardian's Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Family Size: # of Adults = _____ # of Adults Employed = _____ # of Children = _____

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Child's Name: _____ Child's Age by July 2026: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Has your child attended our camp before? _____

(Complete the below for any siblings wishing to be considered.)

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Child's Name: _____ Child's Age by July 2026: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Has your child attended our camp before? _____

(Complete the below for any siblings you wish to attend.)

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Child's Name: _____ Child's Age by July 2026: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Has your child attended our camp before? _____

STEP 2

ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY #1: Which of the following eligible programs do you participate in:

Medi-Cal/Low Income Health Insurance: ____ CalFresh: ____ WIC: ____ CalWORKs (TANF) ____

ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY #2: Which of the following “Persons in household/Income limit” categories do you fall into:

2 people/\$55,450 or less total annual household income ____

3 people/\$62,400 or less total annual household income ____

4 people/\$69,350 or less total annual household income ____

5 people/\$74,900 or less total annual household income ____

6 people/\$80,450 or less total annual household income ____

7 people/\$86,000 or less total annual household income ____

8 people/\$91,550 or less total annual household income ____

ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY #3: If you are facing financial difficulties due to circumstances that are not represented above, please submit a one-page document explaining your reasons for needing camp financial assistance with this application.

STEP 3

Email a scanned or photographed copy of your completed application to Brooke Applegate at brooke.applegate@arboretum.org **AND** attach a scanned or photographed copy of either your qualification letter or current card showing participation in one of the eligible programs listed above, a signed, self-certification statement indicating that your household income falls under the very low income guidelines for LA County listed above, or a one-page documenting expressing why you are in need of a scholarship. (Proof of income may be required upon request.) Applications with missing information will not be considered. An Arboretum staff member will reach out to you within one week with a status update.