

2024 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," and the dates for the session are July 1-5, 9am-5pm. Applicants must commit to attending at least 4 out of the 5 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 (see page 3).
- 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:

This includes ONE of the following:

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 under the very low income guidelines for LACounty, and expressing why you are in need of a scholarship:

- **Persons in household/Income limit categories:**
 - 2 people/\$50,450 or less total annual household income
 - 3 people/\$56,750 or less total annual household income

4 people/\$63,050 or less total annual household income
5 people/\$68,100 or less total annual household income
6 people/\$73,150 or less total annual household income
7 people/\$78,200 or less total annual household income
8 people/\$83,250 or less total annual household income

- By submitting self-certification, applicants certify that household income is within the stated limitations. 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 <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/grants-and-funding/income-limits-2023.pdf>

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, please submit a one-page document explaining your reasons for needing camp financial assistance with this 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.

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 June 2024: _____

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

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

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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/\$50,450 or less total annual household income _____

3 people/\$56,750 or less total annual household income _____

4 people/\$63,050 or less total annual household income _____

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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 LACounty 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.