

New Heights Student Ministry

Financial Assistance Guidelines

Here at New Heights we never want a student to miss an activity due to insufficient funds. We realize especially during these current times that families are faced with various financial challenges. The primary way we seek to meet this need is to encourage students to earn the money needed for the activity on their own (babysitting, mowing lawns, etc.). This teaches responsibility and develops ownership. If this resource has been depleted, we have set aside funds to help meet special needs. Please note the following financial assistance guidelines:

1. Any student seeking assistance for a New Heights camp or activity must complete this application with a signature from a parent or guardian.
2. The names of applicants are kept confidential.
3. Camps and activities are budgeted to "break even", neither making money, nor losing money. The cost of the activity is not inflated to subsidize assistance we may give to students. All funds come from a limited amount set aside by our elders made possible through the faithful giving of people in our congregation.
4. Applying for assistance is a *3-step* process:
 - STEP #1 Fill out the application form and return to the New Heights Church office.
 - STEP #2 Once the form is received our financial assistance committee will review the request.
 - STEP #3 After review, you will receive a call regarding the application with either an approval for your requested payment plan, volunteer hours, or next-step recommendations if your request is not able to be met.
5. Assistance will be given in the form of credit towards the trip rather than cash. It is assumed that the student attending an activity with the help of this financial assistance program will be responsible for his or her own meals and for any additional optional costs (i.e. souvenirs and snack shack).
6. Financial assistance is given on the basis of need. They are not given out in an indiscriminate or imprudent manner. However, we will not challenge a family to prove to us their financial need. We simply ask each family to contribute the maximum amount that they are able to afford. The remaining cost of the activity becomes the requested assistance amount. Financial assistance requests for **Camp Black Lake** are limited to \$170 (half of the registration amount) and requests for **Camp Getaway** are limited to \$100 (half of the registration amount) as well. If, after receiving the assistance, the student or his/her family is able to repay the amount received, we encourage them to do so. This enables others in the future to receive similar benefits.
7. The financial assistance deadline is one week prior to the camp or activity requested. Assistance will be given on a first come, first serve basis as funds are available.

We look forward to responding to your application!

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Financial Assistance Application

STUDENT NAME _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

SCHOOL (in fall) _____ GRADE (in fall) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

STUDENT PHONE _____ STUDENT EMAIL _____

PARENT PHONE _____ PARENT EMAIL _____

FINANCIAL NEED

1. Name of camp/event you are applying for: _____
2. Total camp/event fee: \$ _____
3. Amount for which you are seeking help: \$ _____ \$170 max for Black Lake (HS)
\$100 max for Camp Getaway (MS)
4. Are you willing to do work (eg. yard work, community service, volunteer hours, etc.) to help earn assistance?
 Yes No
5. Briefly explain your financial need:

I have read the Financial Assistance Guidelines and understand and agree with them.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE