

## YWCA Vermont Camp Hochelaga Scholarship Details & Eligibility Guidelines



Camp Hochelaga firmly believes all youth should have access to the magic, skill building, and empowerment of summer camp. Our goal at Camp Hochelaga is for our Circle of Girls Scholarship Fund to reach as many campers as possible who would not otherwise be able to attend camp.

The Circle of Girls Scholarship Fund aligns with the **Vermont Income Eligibility Guidelines**. Please consider the chart on the following page when applying for a scholarship. If your family falls outside of the income brackets listed but your camper would not be able to attend Camp Hochelaga without a scholarship, please complete an application. Eligibility Guidelines are intended as a suggestion. We understand that there can be many factors beyond income that impact a family's ability to fund a Camp Hochelaga experience.

### **Steps to ensure a complete scholarship application:**

#### **1. REGISTER FOR CAMP SESSION BEFORE APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarship applications are submitted online separate from camp registration. You must register for a session at camp BEFORE applying for a scholarship. Register at: [camphochelaga.campbrainregistration.com](http://camphochelaga.campbrainregistration.com)

#### **2. FILL OUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM (ONLINE OR PAPER)**

Using the same login information for your camp registration, log into a separate link to access the scholarship application form online. Apply at: [ywcavermontprograms.campbrainregistration.com](http://ywcavermontprograms.campbrainregistration.com)  
To submit the scholarship application by mail, please send the paper form with supporting financial documentation included.

#### **3. PROVIDE REQUIRED SUPPORTING FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION**

See details below about which forms are accepted as supporting financial documentation. Applications submitted without documentation will be considered incomplete and will be ineligible for a scholarship.

#### **4. PAY \$50 DEPOSIT TO RESERVE YOUR CAMPER'S REGISTRATION SPOT**

Deposits can be paid online through your camper's registration account via credit card, over the phone by calling our office, or by mailing in a check payable to YWCA Vermont sent to our Essex office.

### **Supporting Financial Documentation Requirements:**

For a scholarship application to be considered, it is REQUIRED to provide supporting financial documentation as demonstration of financial need. **The following are acceptable options for supporting financial documentation:**

- **Verification of camper receiving free/reduced lunch at school**
- **Verification of camper being in foster care**
- **Verification of state and/or federal benefits received by household family OR**
- **Copy of household tax return page 1&2 (2018 or 2019) AND 2 most recent pay stubs**

### **Circle of Girls Scholarship Fund Resources:**

Scholarship applicants are prompted to select a percentage range of the camp tuition needed in scholarship for the camper to be able to attend camp. For example, if your camper is registered for a 1-week residential session (\$780 total) and you select 25%-50% tuition coverage, Camp Hochelaga would consider granting a scholarship between \$195 - \$390 to go towards payment of the total \$780 tuition. Please keep in mind, there is a high demand for financial assistance and we strive to serve as many families as possible. For this reason, we cannot fund 100% of any camper's total camp tuition. The amount of scholarship is awarded based upon availability of funds, income, family size, session availability, and need.

**\*If you are unsure of how to access certain pieces of supporting financial documentation, please take note of our recommendations for resources to acquire the proper forms:**

- **Free/Reduced Lunch** – contact your camper’s school counselor/main office directly to request a copy of your child’s meal status. Be sure this form includes the camper’s full name, the school’s name and indication of “FREE/REDUCED LUNCH”
- **Foster Care** – contact the Vermont Department of Child and Family Services (DCF) to request a copy of your camper’s status with the state by speaking with a Resource Coordinator from your district. See the list of district contacts here: [dcf.vermont.gov/fsd/contact-us/districts](http://dcf.vermont.gov/fsd/contact-us/districts)
- **State Benefits** – contact DCF’s Benefits Service Center Programs to request proof of household benefits received like 3SquaresVT, Reach Up, etc. Call **(800) 479-6151** or online at [dcf.vermont.gov/mybenefits](http://dcf.vermont.gov/mybenefits)
- **Tax Returns** – contact the IRS directly to request transcripts of past tax returns **(800) 908-9946** or use the “Get Transcript” Tool here: [www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript)

**\*If your family is looking to apply for additional funding to offset the cost of camp, please consider reaching out to our recommendations of local organizations offering funds for camp experiences and childcare:**

- **Warner Home for Little Wanderers** – for Franklin County residents, campership applications due April 1<sup>st</sup> [warnerhomeforlittliewanderers.org/campership.html](http://warnerhomeforlittliewanderers.org/campership.html)
- **Howard Center** – for Vermont residents, special funding available to qualified families **(802) 488-6000** [howardcenter.org/developmental-services/children-youth/](http://howardcenter.org/developmental-services/children-youth/)
- **DCF** – for Vermont residents, special funding available for qualified families [dcf.vermont.gov/resources](http://dcf.vermont.gov/resources)

**Vermont Income Eligibility Guidelines Grid**



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**Child Nutrition Programs**

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES  
FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS OR FREE SCHOOL MILK**

**School Year 2019 - 2020**

Household Size	Free					Reduced Price				
	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	16,237	1,354	677	625	313	23,107	1,926	963	889	445
2	21,983	1,832	916	846	423	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602
3	27,729	2,311	1,156	1,067	534	39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759
4	33,475	2,790	1,395	1,288	644	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917
5	39,221	3,269	1,635	1,509	755	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074
6	44,967	3,748	1,874	1,730	865	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231
7	50,713	4,227	2,114	1,951	976	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388
8	56,459	4,705	2,353	2,172	1,086	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546
For each additional household member add	5,746	479	240	221	111	8,177	682	341	315	158