



# Community & School Partner Scholarships

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Miniwanca & Merrowvista





# Introduction to AYF Scholarships

The American Youth Foundation is committed to making the camp experience accessible to as many youth as possible. As a nonprofit foundation, the AYF funds a portion of all campers' experience. We wish we could support everyone's camp experience, but funds are limited.

AYF scholarships differ from [financial aid](#). Financial aid is need based, while AYF scholarships are merit based and offered through our Community & School Partners. The partner organization oversees the application and selection process, and the AYF awards the scholarship to the selected individuals.

# Scholarship Criteria

One or more of the following statements may apply to campers selected for scholarship:


Demonstrates the characteristics of someone who is a leader among their peers

Shows interest in experiencing adventures and open to new opportunities in the outdoors

Encourages others to be their best and is a positive spark in their community

Represents themselves as a person who holds one or more identities that are historically marginalized in the outdoor/camp world

Exists with a barrier that does not allow them to attend camp without this financial support



## How to Apply for Scholarships



- Some AYF Community & School Partners work with us to distribute camp and conference scholarships to their students. We have learned it is better for youth to travel together to new places and experience our programs with familiar faces.
- Community & School Partners can select participants to apply for scholarships or allow all youth in their organization to apply. To see if your school or organization participates, contact the camp's Client Relation Manager (see next slide).
- All scholarship recipients should begin the camp registration process as soon as possible. Community & School Partners should notify all scholarship recipients by April 1, so they have adequate time to register and prepare for camp.

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