

Oak Tree Youth Ministry

Activity Scholarship Information

In our ministry, we are committed to not letting a student be kept from participating in an activity for reasons of insufficient funds. On occasion, a family may have financial needs. The primary way we seek to meet this need is to encourage the student to earn the money needed for the activity on his or her own (babysitting, cleaning, etc). This teaches responsibility and develops ownership in students. If this resource has been depleted, we have limited scholarship money that is both budgeted and donated to meet special needs. Please note the following scholarship guidelines:

1. Any student seeking a scholarship must complete the Youth Ministry Activity Scholarship Application on the other page of this application.
2. The names of scholarship applicants are kept confidential.
3. The activities of the ministry are designed to “break even,” which means activities are not making money for the ministry nor losing money for the ministry. The cost of the activity is not inflated to subsidize scholarships we may give to the student for a particular activity. All scholarships come from a limited in our budget or, if available, from special designated donations.
4. Our desire is for students to do work in order to gain a sense of having “earned” the scholarship they receive. Students are to make arrangements to earn their scholarship through the Youth Ministry Team. Students will be asked to complete two tasks from our Earning Guidelines - explained on the other page of this application.
5. Scholarships will be given in the form of credit on an activity rather than cash. This assures that the scholarship will be used for what it was intended for.
6. Scholarships are given on the basis of need. Scholarships are not given out in an indiscriminate or imprudent manner. However, a family will never be challenged to prove their financial need. **We ask each family to contribute the maximum amount they are able to afford. The maximum request is 75% of the total cost of the activity.** For example, if the activity is \$100, a scholarship will be no more than \$75.
7. Scholarships provided for summer and/or winter camps may have different requirements.

Thank you for your interest in our activity scholarships.

Youth Ministry Activity Scholarship Application

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

School _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Activity for which you are seeking financial help: _____

Cost of activity: \$ _____

Amount you can contribute: \$ _____

Amount for which you are seeking help: \$ _____

Briefly explain your financial need: _____

Earning Guidelines

Pick **two** from the following list (only ONE from each category):

HEART

- Essay on why I deserve a scholarship
- Essay on why my friend deserves a scholarship
- Meet/hang out with a leader three times

HEAD

- Memorize Colossians 3
- Read one of the following:
 - _____ The Case for Christ: Student Edition
 - _____ Do Hard Things
 - _____ The Jesus Creed: Student Edition
- Complete a 30-day Bible reading from one of the following:
 - _____ Proverbs _____ Adored at Home
 - _____ It's Not About Me _____ Experiencing the Heart of Jesus

HANDS

- Help set up and clean up for church on Sundays (\$10/hour)
- Help set up and clean up for youth group (\$10/hour)

I have read the other page of this application and understand and am in agreement with the scholarship process:

Student's Name _____ Signature _____

Guardian's Name _____ Signature _____

Youth Pastor _____ Signature _____