

Endowment Campership Application Guidelines

The Baltimore-Washington Conference Endowment Campership Fund was created by the Challenge '98 Matching Gifts Campaign. **These funds are restricted to campers who demonstrate true financial need.** The guidelines below should be followed when completing the application.

In an attempt to avoid invading the privacy of individual families, the Campership Committee has requested that the Pastor serve as the contact for the application process. The Campership Committee believes that the Pastor is in a better position to know the needs of their local church members. All information shared in the request will remain confidential and will only be seen by the Conference Campership Committee.

MAIN CRITERIA -- All applicants must be *eligible* for the Federal School Lunch Assistance Program or have extenuating circumstances or special situations that indicate financial hardship for their family. If this camper does not meet these criteria, please apply for assistance from the Regular Conference Campership Fund.

Amount of the award – The amount of the award is dependent on the camp which the child is registered for and how many applicants we have. The award will cover the camp fee in full, including the \$100 registration fee.

I. Applicant Information

A.) **Personal Information:** Please complete the camper information requested on the *Summer Camp Application, found in the Camp Brochure*. It is very important that we know when and where the camper will attend summer camp. We encourage all applicants to list their top three camp choices.

B.) **School Lunch Eligibility:** The answer to this question is critical. Listed below are the guidelines set by the Federal Government as well as a list of MD County contacts. You may use these guidelines to help determine a child's eligibility. If you would prefer, you may contact your County Board of Education Food Service Office or specific school office for requirements in your area. **Please note** that a camper must be **ELIGIBLE** for the Federal School Lunch Assistance program. They do not have to be enrolled in the program.

C.) **Extenuating Circumstances** or special situations: The Campership Committee recognizes that there are often circumstances and situations that can place financial hardship on a family. We do not want any children to miss the opportunity to attend summer camp because of financial need. If you are aware of extenuating circumstances or a special situation in this child's life that affirms their need for assistance, please briefly explain. All information shared in the application process is confidential.

HELPFUL CONTACTS:

National School Lunch Program:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Lunch/Default.htm>

Maryland State Dept. of Education:

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/programs/foodandnutrition/nationallunch.html>

For MD school county websites:

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/lealinks.html>

Maryland County Contacts

Allegheny	301-722-0636
Anne Arundel	410-222-5900
Baltimore County	see website
Baltimore CITY	410-396-8763
Calvert	410-535-1700
Carroll	410-751-3041
Cecil	443-309-5410
Charles	301-934-7381
Dorchester	410-221-5226
Frederick	301-644-5065
Garrett	301-334-8900
Harford	410-638-4078

Howard	410.313.6682
Kent	410-778-7126
Montgomery	301-840-8170
Prince George's	301-952-6580
Queen's Anne's	see website
Somerset	410-651-1616 ext. 265
St. Mary's	see website
Talbot	see website
Washington	(301) 766-2890
Wicomico	contact your school
Worcester	410-632-2582 ext.215

II. Local Church Information

- A.) **Church information:** (Please note that any church may apply for these funds. They do not have to be a United Methodist congregation.) Please fill in the information requested. Please use the address preferred by the Pastor. All correspondence related to this request will be sent to this address.
- B.) **Recommendation statement:** This must be signed and dated by the Pastor and serves to validate the Camper's need for assistance.

III. Camper's Participation

The Campership Committee recommends that the Campers who receive these funds take an active roll in their church or community to give them ownership of this gift. It is recommended that if the child is active in the local church, they volunteer their time at church as a way of exhibiting their interest and concern for the opportunity. Possible activities include: passing out bulletins on Sunday, volunteering in Sunday school or the church nursery, participating in light housekeeping or gardening at the church.

Campership ENDOWMENT Application Form

Note: Each Camper **MUST** fill out a Camper Application Form found in the Summer Camp Brochure along with this form.

To be completed and signed by the local church Pastor or Associate Pastor.

Applicant Information

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Address City St Zip

Applicant's Date of Birth: _____ Age _____ Grade Entering in Fall _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone number: _____

*Please note the camp sessions this child wishes to attend on the Summer Camp brochure application. Please list three choices, we cannot guarantee that they will get the first choice. Camps are filled on a first come first serve basis. *

IV. Is this camper eligible for Federal School Lunch Assistance Program? Yes No

CAMPERS MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOOL LUNCH ASSISTANCE!

What school does the camper attend? _____

Name of School County

What are the extenuating circumstances or special situations we should know about that may affirm this child's need for financial assistance?

(attach additional paper if needed)

Local Church Information

Please note any and all information will be sent to the Pastor at the address they list. If someone else is acting as a contact between the camper, their family and our offices please put your information below the pastor's.

Name of Local Church: _____ District: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

Church Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Email: _____

What other funding sources does your church have for this camper? (e.g. special offering, UM Women, UMC Men, fundraiser) _____

I hereby declare or affirm that the information on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further recommend that this child receive a full Campership from the Baltimore-Washington Conference Campership Endowment Fund.

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this application **ALONG WITH a Summer Camper Application** to:
Summer Camp, Attn: Amy Marshall, PO Box 429, Churchton, MD 20733-0429