

November 10, 2019

Dear Applicant,

Enclosed please find the *Chief's Memorial Campership Fund Application for Financial Aid* for the 2020 summer season of The North Country Camps in Keeseville, New York. The Chief's Fund is a non-profit organization administered entirely by a volunteer board of directors which awards camperships to deserving children based on financial need. It is a separate organization from The North Country Camps.

The Chief's Fund was created in 1975 to make the North Country Camps' experience available to children who would both benefit from and contribute to the camp community and who would otherwise be denied such a chance due to financial circumstances. It was named in honor of the memory of Colba F. Gucker, founder of Camp Lincoln and Camp Whippoorwill, known to all as "Chief".

The Fund normally grants a maximum of 50% of the camp fee unless the circumstances are unusual.

**Application Directions:**

- All applicants **must be registered** at Camp Lincoln or Camp Whippoorwill to be considered for funding.
- Fill out **completely** and sign the application form. If you would like to attach any additional relevant information in a letter to the Board, please feel welcome to do so.
- Attach complete copies, including relevant schedules, of your US Federal Income Taxes for the past three years. The fund recognizes that you may not be able to provide copies of your 2019 tax returns at this time. If we already have previous tax forms on file, send only the most recent one.
- If parents are separated or divorced, each parent must fully complete an individual application and submit appropriate tax returns. If this is not possible, please explain in a letter to the Board.
- Application packages (including the application and all required tax returns) must be **post marked no later than February 15, 2020. Applications that are incomplete or postmarked after February 15, 2020 may not be considered for funding at the spring board meeting.**

**Chief's Fund Policies:**

- We generally give priority to deserving children who are at least eleven years old.
- The Chief's Fund Directors recognize the great value of the full camp season experience and encourage applicants to take advantage of it, if at all possible. If you request funding for the full season, please view this as a commitment. An early departure from camp results in unused funds which would have otherwise been available to help another child.
- Information supplied by applicants will be considered strictly confidential. Payment of awards is made directly by the Chief's Fund to The North Country Camps.
- Financial data is treated with the strictest confidence. Personal financial data is only viewed by the Fund's Vice President. Other board members generally do not have access to this information. If you have any concerns or questions about the review process, please note them on the application or communicate with Duchess Kay.

**Funds will be awarded by April 30, 2020. For more information, please contact:  
Duchess Kay, 504 Merwyn Road, Narberth, PA 19072 phone: 610-667-2042**

**Chief's Memorial Campership Fund, Inc. Application for Financial Aid**

To be considered for funding, please complete all information and sign the application. The Chief's Fund welcomes any additional statements you care to supply to clarify your situation. If you had any unusual financial circumstances last year or anticipate any for this coming year (medical expenses, unemployment, casualty losses, etc.), please specify. If you need more space for any responses, please attach additional paper.

**All applicants must be registered at Camp Lincoln or Camp Whippoorwill to be considered for funding.** Information supplied by the applicant will be considered strictly confidential. The Chief's Fund does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or marital status in the awarding of camperships.

The following items must be sent to: **Chief's Fund c/o Duchess Kay, 504 Merwyn Road, Narberth, PA 19072.**

- Completed application form
- US federal income tax return(s) for both parents from the most recent last 3 years.
- Any additional information on separate paper
- \*See last page of application

**Applications must be post marked no later than February 15, 2020.** As our pool of applicants has increased, please have in mind that it takes us a considerable amount of time to assemble all the application information for the Board each spring. That's one reason we have an application deadline. As the number of applicants increases each year, the task becomes more complicated and time – intensive. Consequently, untimely applications may be considered separately after all applications received by the due date have been processed. As a result, the board may not be able to fund late applicants.

<b>Child's Information:</b>
<b>Full Name:</b>
<b>Date of Birth:</b>
<b>Name of School:</b>
<b>Public or Non-Public?</b>
<b>Grade in School:</b>
<b>Child lives with: (circle all those that apply)</b> mother          father          step parent          guardian          grand parent other (please specify relationship to child) _____

<b>Child's Parents:</b> (circle <u>any</u> that apply)				
married	parent deceased	parents never	married	parents separated
parents divorced	joint custody	mother has custody	father has custody	

<b>Enrollment Information:</b>
Is child enrolled at Camp Whippoorwill/Lincoln for the summer of 2020?
Has the child attended the North Country Camps previously?
Has the child applied to Chief's Fund previously?
Was the child funded?
Did he/she attend camp?
If not, why?

<b>Parents, Stepparents, Guardians or Others' Information:</b> Please complete for both parents	
a. Name:	b. Name:
Relationship to child:	Relationship to child:
Home Address:	Home Address:
Telephone Number(s): (h)	Telephone Number(s): (h)
(c) (w)	(c) (w)
Email:	Email:
Occupation:	Occupation:
Employed By:	Employed By:
Title:	Title:
Years with Present Employer:	Years with Present Employer:
Email:	Email:

<b>Non-Custodial Parent Information:</b> If divorced, separated, or never married, please complete and include a copy of the non-custodial parent's most recently filed US federal income tax return.	
<b>a. Name of Non-Custodial Parent:</b>	
Relationship to child:	
Home Address:	
Email:	
Telephone Number(s): (h)	(c)
Occupation:	
Employed By:	
Title:	
Years with Present Employer:	

<b>Financial Information of Custodial Parent(s) :</b>
Who claims child as a dependent?
Has a tax return been filed in the child's name? If yes, attach a copy of the child's most recent U.S. federal income tax return.
Gross annual income for the past calendar year (salary, interest, dividends, alimony, and misc.):
The financial data entered on the bottom of page 3, and page 4 of this form pertains to: (circle all that apply)    mother    father    stepmother    stepfather    other (please specify)
Monetary gifts Received from Relatives: (to children or children from parents or grandparents)
Value of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, trusts, checking and savings accounts, money markets, CDs, and equity interest in businesses (do not include retirement accounts):

<b>Do you own your own house or condominium?</b>
<b>Purchase date and price:</b>
<b>Current assessed value:</b>
<b>Monthly mortgage payment:</b>
<b>Mortgage owed:</b>
<b>Monthly maintenance fee/condo dues:</b>
<b>Do you rent your home/apartment/condo/cooperative?</b>
<b>Monthly Rent:</b>
<b>Monthly maintenance fee/condo dues:</b>
<b>Do you own your car(s)? (answer for all cars in the family)</b>
<b>Make and year:</b>
<b>Is it paid for?</b>
<b>If not, what are the monthly payments?</b>
<b>Do you lease a car(s)?</b>
<b>If yes, what is the monthly payment?</b>
<b>Is your car provided by your employer?</b>
<b>Do you own other property, real estate, vehicles, boats, etc. (Please specify type and value):</b>

<b>Liabilities and Expenses:</b>			
<b>Total number of household members:</b>			
<b>Number of children (under 18) in household:</b>			
<b>Outstanding Loans (other than mortgage) Specify type and amount:</b>			
<b>Annual Family Educational Expenses (tuition, room, board, book fees, tutor):</b>			
<b>Individual</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Cost to Family</b>

<b>Travel/Vacations: (List all vacations and travel in the past year; reasons and costs):</b>

*The 2020 camp fee for the full season is \$9,340. The five week session fee is \$8,140. A three week session is \$5,940. The Fund normally grants a maximum of 50% of the camp fee unless the circumstances are unusual.*

<b>Scholarship: Application is not complete unless this part is completely filled out.</b>
<b>How much money are you requesting?</b>
<b>My child will be at camp for(circle one):</b> the full season     5 weeks     3 weeks
<b>How will the rest of the fee be paid? Will someone else help you pay the balance, if so who? (Be specific: by whom?check, credit card, please explain)</b>
<b>Have you discussed these arrangements (the 3 items above) with the NCC directors?</b>
<b>Is there an agreement with the non-custodial parent providing for a contribution for the child's camp expense? (please specify)</b>

**"I/ we certify that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of our knowledge."**

**Signature (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please send completed and signed application and a copy of US federal income tax form(s) to:**

**Chief's Fund c/o Duchess Kay, 504 Merwyn Road, Narberth, PA 19072.**

**For questions: 610 – 667 - 2042**

**Applications must be post marked by February 15, 2020**

**\*\* If you do not have a tax return, please provide:**

Letters/paperwork saying your family qualifies for one or more of the following:

- SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps)
- Medicaid or CHIP, the Children's Health Insurance Program
- SSI. The Supplemental Security Income program
- Social Security Survivors or Disability Insurance
- Public housing or Section 8 voucher
- Veterans' benefits
- Eligibility for the school lunch program