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Campership Application and Instructions

Nomination

The Turtle's Trail Foundation (TTF) welcomes all nominations for its campership awards and encourages parents, teachers, neighbors, and friends to nominate girls between the ages of 6 and 16 years old.

Criteria for Awards

The TTF looks to award girls with demonstrated financial need an opportunity to attend sleep-away camp. In addition to a financial need, we look for applicants who will both benefit from spending time at camp and be able to contribute to a camp community in a meaningful way.

Application

A Campership Application Form may be downloaded from the TTF website.

We require one application be completed for *each* nominee, even if nominees are members of the same family. In addition, we require a letter of reference for each nominee from a non-family member adult who knows the nominee well, such as a teacher, scout leader, or coach.

The application has three parts. Your application must be complete with all information provided and reference received before the TTF will consider it.

In Part I we ask for some brief biographical information on the nominator (which can be a parent), the nominee, and her parents. In an effort to award as many camperships as possible, the TTF often awards partial grants, and we request that you note the estimated amount of financial assistance needed to fund your nominee's summer camp experience and provide some financial information on the nominee's family.

In Part II we ask you to comment on (1) why your nominee should be considered for a campership and (2) any financial or personal hardships she or her family may be currently experiencing. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers; rather, we hope to get some insight on your nominee, her character and interests, as well as what you hope she will accomplish at camp and why a campership is needed.

Part III needs to be completed by a non-family member adult who knows the nominee and can comment on her character, personal history, and why she would benefit from a summer camp experience.

The deadline for applications for the summer season is March 15. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

The TTF requests that applications are submitted through its website, www.turtletrailfoundation.org. The TTF Board of Directors will acknowledge and review all applications, which will be kept in confidence. We will contact you if any additional information, including further income verification, is needed.

Camperships will be awarded on April 15. You will be notified as to the decision regarding your application.

The deadline for potential recipients to accept their camperships is May 1. Any camperships not accepted by this date may be forfeited and awarded to other applicants.

TTF Campership Application Form

Part I: Biographical Information

Date: _____

Nominator Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Preferred Means of Contact _____

Relation to Nominee _____

How did you hear about the TTF? _____

Nominee Information

Name _____

Address _____

Age _____ School _____ Current Grade _____

Prior Camping Experience _____

Special Interests _____ Number of Siblings _____

Dates Available/Interested in Attending Camp _____

Photo of Nominee (optional)

Parents' Information

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Occupation _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Occupation _____

Does either parent have prior camping experience? If yes, what camp(s) did he/she attend?

Prior Year Family Income _____ Estimated Current Year Family Income _____

Estimated Financial Need for Summer Camp _____

Part II: To the Nominator, please answer the two questions below.

(1) Please explain below why you would like your nominee considered for a campership from the Turtle's Trail Foundation and what you would like her to accomplish at camp.

(2) Please discuss any financial or personal hardships your nominee or her family may be currently experiencing which make financing a summer camp experience a challenge.

Part III: Letter of Reference

Instructions for the Nominator: Complete the information in Section A and then submit this form to a non-family member adult, such as a teacher (past or present), scout leader, or coach, for completion of Section B. The form can be accessed and completed by the recommender on the TTF website (www.turtlestrailfoundation.org).

Section A: Nominee Information (to be completed by the Nominator)

Nominee's Name _____

Nominator's Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Instructions for the Recommender: Please complete the following reference form. It may be completed in its entirety on the TTF website (www.turtlestrailfoundation.org), or downloaded from the site and submitted via email to **camp@turtlestrailfoundation.org**. Alternatively, you may return it to the nominator and he or she will mail it back to the TTF. Knowing the demands on your time, the TTF is most grateful for your thoughtful remarks. Please return this form as soon as possible so the nominee can receive fair consideration. The deadline for applications for the summer season is March 15.

Section B: Recommender's Information

Recommender's Name _____

Occupation _____

Address _____

Context in which you know the nominee _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please tell us about this nominee. Feel free to address any qualities you wish. We would like to hear your views on the nominee's character and personality, any personal or financial hardships she may be experiencing, which you are aware of, and how you believe she would benefit from a summer camp experience.