



NORTHWEST OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL

INFORMATION FOR FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Dear Scholarship Applicant and Parent/Guardian(s),

Thank you for your interest in NW Outward Bound School. We believe that everyone should be given the opportunity to experience adventure and challenge, develop character and compassion, and learn social and environmental responsibility, regardless of financial ability. We expect you to approach this experience with a high level of motivation, give it your best, and complete your course successfully. We look forward to helping you achieve your goal of a fulfilling Outward Bound experience.

The NW Outward Bound School awards a significant amount of financial aid scholarships each year due to generous donations from Foundations, Corporations, Parents and Outward Bound Alumni. At the time of enrollment, you indicated that you were interested in applying for a financial aid scholarship. These scholarships are based on financial need, student motivation, and the potential for the student to excel on an Outward Bound course. Please review the information below to get started and do not hesitate to contact us if you need assistance or have any questions.

Financial Aid Scholarship Policies and Procedures:

If you accept a scholarship, the following NW Outward Bound School policies go into effect:

- Your Application Fee is non-refundable. However, if you do not receive an award or it is less than you requested and you must therefore cancel your enrollment, we will refund the Application Fee.
- You will be subject to all NW Outward Bound School Cancellation, Transfer and Early Departure Policies found in your NW Outward Bound School course paperwork.
- Generally, all tuition payments/balances are due 90 days prior to the course start. We realize that as a scholarship applicant you may need to wait for a response to your application before paying in full. Therefore, once you receive an email from us about your financial aid award it will also include what your tuition balance and when it is due.
- Your scholarship is non-transferable.
- Your (or your child's) scholarship is not secure until all enrollment materials are returned and you have paid the balance on your (or your child's) course.

Financial Aid Scholarship Application:

Please provide all the requested information so we may assess your specific financial need and offer an appropriate award.

Incomplete applications can delay our review and jeopardize your participation on a NW Outward Bound course. Please be sure to check for accuracy before submitting.

A summary of the application requirements is below:

1. **Explanation of Financial Need** – We want to fully understand your particular financial situation. Please complete this section according to the directions and include as much detail as possible.
2. **Financial Overview** – Please provide financial information regarding the applicant's (student going on course) household by completing the Financial Overview section. If the applicant is under 21 years old or not self-supporting, financial information from both parents is required. In the case of divorced parents, we request that you submit complete information for both the primary and the secondary residences.
3. **Federal Tax Returns** – Please provide a copy of the applicant's (and/or parent/guardian(s)) most recent Federal Tax Return(s) (1040 Tax Form and associated Schedules and Forms). Please **BLACKOUT** social security numbers!
4. **Returning and Reviewing your Application** – **We cannot review your Scholarship/Financial Aid Application until we receive your entire NW Outward Bound Application and Medical Form.**

Please return all financial aid/scholarship information to Student Services:

Email: studentservices@nwoutwardbound.org

Fax: 1-866-404-1512

NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

RETURN

Do you participate in the free or reduced lunch program? Yes No

If Yes, please submit a letter of verification from your school.

If you have answered yes, and can supply verification, you only have to fill out section 1 and 2. SKIP section 3.

Please complete each of the fields below:

Student Name: _____ Student Email: _____

Contact Person's Name (i.e. Parent/Guardian): _____ Contact Person's Email: _____

Course Code: _____ Start Date: _____

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

- The information provided by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that withholding or misrepresenting my financial situation could affect my participation in Outward Bound.
- I am submitting my (and/or my parent/guardian(s) most recent Federal Tax Return(s) (1040 Tax Form and associated Schedules and Forms) with this application. If I am not, I have explained why in the Explanation of Financial Need section of this application.
- I have read and understand the Outward Bound Scholarship Policies on page 1.

Section 1: Explanation of Financial Need

*Please use this space to indicate why you are applying for a scholarship to attend an Outward Bound course. Attach an additional sheet if necessary. Explain any extenuating circumstances you would like us to consider which would not be immediately apparent from the other financial documents included in this application. **The more information we have, the better we can assess your scholarship need. If you require more space, please use the text box provided on page 3 of this document.***

Section 2: Estimate of Financial Need

Minus \$ _____ **Course Tuition Cost** (not including travel, gear or other outside expenses)
Minus \$ _____ **Amount I can provide**
Minus \$ _____ **Amount of aid from other sources** (i.e. family members, other organizations)
Equals \$ _____ **Net amount needed for scholarship** (The average percentage we provide is between 20-30% of course tuition but is based on need and motivation. Please consider this amount limit in your award request)

Section 3: Financial Overview

Please complete the fields below. If the applicant is under 21 or not self-supporting, income information for both parents is required. In the case of divorced parents, include information for both the primary and the secondary residences.

Determination of Dependency (of applicant):

- A. Has or will the applicant live with their parent(s) for at least 6 weeks:
 - a. In the past 12 months? Yes No
 - b. In the next 12 months? Yes No
- B. Did or will the applicant's parent(s) claim them on:
 - a. Last year's tax return? Yes No
 - b. This year's tax return? Yes No
- C. Did or will the applicant's parent(s) give them more than \$1,000 in support:
 - a. Last year? Yes No
 - b. This year? Yes No

All Children in Family:

	Name	Age	School	Total School Annual Cost Family Contribution
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

Additional Dependents

	Name	Age	Circumstances (i.e. grandmother living with family)
1.			
2.			

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