



## **2017 Application for Campership Grant for First Time Grant Applicants**

This application is for those interested in receiving a full or partial grant to attend a residential summer camp. This application is specifically for those who **have not** received a grant from the Mishawaka Foundation previously. You will find a different application for those who have received a campership grant previously available on the Mishawaka Foundation website: [mishawakafoundation.org](http://mishawakafoundation.org).

**About this opportunity:** The Mishawaka Foundation provides full and partial campership grants to families interested in a traditional, residential camp experience but who could not otherwise afford it. Members of the Mishawaka Foundation are looking for candidates that are in need of a grant but would also be able to benefit from a residential summer camp experience. Any camper attending a traditional residential summer camp will need to be able to effectively interact in a group-based and community living environment. They will be asked to follow instructions, be respectful of others, and behave in a way that is conducive to a healthy group living situation and community.

Candidates for the campership grant should be:

- Boys or girls between the ages of 8 and 15.
- In good general physical and emotional health.
- Able to meet his or her own basic needs, such as eating, getting dressed, maintaining personal hygiene.
- Able to move independently from place to place.
- Effectively interact in a group-based, community living environment.
- Residential camp sessions are typically between 2 and 8 weeks long. Campers attending camp should be comfortable spending time away from home.

**Confidentiality and candidate participation in the application process:** Information provided on the application is confidential to the Trustees of the Mishawaka Foundation. The Trustees are authorized by those submitting applications to share confidential information with the Foundation's professional advisors only on a need-to-know and confidential basis.

Should the applicant be granted a campership and attend a residential summer camp, you authorize the use of photographs taken of the applicant while at camp in future Mishawaka Foundation fundraising materials.

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Full name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

This application intentionally does not require the participation of the candidate, and can be completed without his or her knowledge. Please consider not telling the candidate about the application in case the campership grant is not awarded.

### About the application:

There are four sections to this application. The person detailed below should complete each section:

1. **Part One** needs to be completed by the **parent/guardian** currently residing with the child.
2. **Part Two** needs to be completed by the **sponsor of the candidate**. The sponsor is an adult who knows the candidate well. The sponsor can be a grandparent, teacher, coach or other adult who has an interest in sponsoring a candidate for a campership grant. The sponsor should not be a member of the candidate's immediate family.
3. **Part Three** is a recommendation form that should be completed by a **teacher, school advisor, or other adult** who has worked with the candidate in an academic setting.
4. **Part Four** is a final recommendation form to be completed by an **adult** who is familiar with the candidate but is not the sponsor or a direct relative.

Along with these four parts of the application, we ask that you send

1. A picture of the candidate
2. A copy of the candidate's most recent school report card
3. The first 2 pages of the parent/guardian's last tax return – **please black out social security numbers**
4. The attachment of independent letters of recommendation is also invited, but is not required.

Applications must be complete and may be mailed to:

The Mishawaka Foundation  
c/o Blake Hiltabrand  
1136 Ashland Ave  
Wilmette, IL 60091

**Applications are due February 12, 2017. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.** Applicants will be notified by a board member following the annual meeting in March 2017.

Please email: [mishawakafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:mishawakafoundation@gmail.com) if you have additional questions.

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**Part One: The following information should be filled out by the parent/guardian with whom the candidate resides. Please attach additional sheets if necessary. *All information regarding the candidate for the campership grant is confidential.***

**Candidate Information:**

Name:

Sex:

Address including city, state, and zip code:

Date of Birth:

Current Grade:

Name of the primary parent/guardian currently living with the candidate:

Relationship to the candidate:

Occupation:

Phone number:

Email address:

Name of a second parent/guardian who lives with the candidate: Relationship to candidate:

Occupation:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

1. Please list any additional parents/guardians, their relationship to the candidate, and whether they currently reside with the candidate.

2. Has the candidate had any prior camp experience? If so, please give details.

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3. Does the candidate have any siblings who have attended a summer camp, if so, when?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Please give a general physical and emotional health overview of the candidate. You should include details of any notable strengths, weaknesses, concerns, or chronic problems.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Have there been any circumstances within the last year that could interfere with the candidate's ability to be away from home at an overnight camp or their ability to relate to other campers or camp staff? If so, please provide details about the circumstance, and any steps that are being taken to address the needs of the candidate.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. We have asked that you include the first two pages of your most recent tax return with this application. Please detail any additional circumstances or expenses to help give us a better understanding of your financial situation. For example, do you have additional dependents, children, medical expenses or other special financial circumstances we should be made aware of?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Why do you think your candidate would benefit from a summer camp experience?

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8. Camp attendance is subject to availability, please circle the length of stay you would prefer and give us an idea of what part of the summer works the best for your schedule.

2 weeks      4 weeks      6 weeks      8 weeks

Preferred summer dates \_\_\_\_\_

9. If applicable, how is the candidate going to contribute financially to a camping experience? (As an example has the candidate worked any odd jobs such as babysitting or mowing lawns in order to raise money for camp?)

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Name of Person Completing the Form \_\_\_\_\_

**Part Two: The following section of the application should be completed by the Candidate's Sponsor. A sponsor is an adult who knows the child well but does not live with the child. The sponsor can be a grandparent, teacher, coach, or other adult who has an interest in sponsoring a candidate for a campership grant.**

**Please attach additional sheets if necessary.**

Sponsor's Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Email Address:

Relationship to the candidate:

1. How did you hear about summer camp and the scholarships that may be available through this Foundation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Please describe the candidates' attitude toward others. Does the candidate demonstrate a helpful, friendly attitude toward family members, peers, neighbors, teachers, coaches, etc.?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What are the candidate's strengths and why have you chosen to recommend him or her for consideration?

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Full name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Completing this Form \_\_\_\_\_

4. What sort of activities or interests does the candidate participate in outside of school?  
How do they like to spend their free time?

5. How do you think your candidate would benefit from a summer camp experience?

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**Part Three: This is a recommendation form to be filled out by a current teacher or other adult in the school system who is familiar with the candidate.**

### **About the campership:**

The candidate for whom you are completing this recommendation is applying for a campership grant to attend a residential summer camp. Any camper attending a traditional residential summer camp will need to be able to effectively interact in a group-based and community living environment. They will be asked to follow instructions, be respectful of others, and behave in a way that is conducive to a healthy group living situation and community. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the recommendation below. Please include as much information as you are comfortable sharing. If there are things we should know that are not addressed specifically by these questions, please include additional information on a separate sheet of paper. All information regarding the candidate will be confidential. Once complete, recommendations may be mailed to:

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1. Please tell us how you know the candidate.
2. Describe the candidates' attitude toward others. Does the candidate demonstrate a helpful, friendly attitude toward family members, peers, neighbors, teachers, coaches, etc.?
3. Please tell us about any of the candidate's academic accomplishments and or efforts. Have they been successful in their school environment? Have they shown a willingness to put forth an effort in their academic endeavors?



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4. What are some of the candidate's strengths as you see them? Are there any weaknesses that you think would make it difficult for them in a summer camp setting?

5. How do you think the candidate might benefit from a summer camp experience?

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