



GUIDELINES FOR CAMBERSHIP DISBURSEMENTS 2012

Dear Applicant:

The Dark Waters Campership Trust Fund was created to provide partial camperships (scholarships) to families with limited financial resources who want their children to have a camp experience. The purpose of this letter is to present the guidelines used by our Advisory Board in providing tuition assistance.

While exceptional cases will always require special consideration, the following guidelines and expectancies will generally be applied to candidates for tuition assistance:

- 1) **Your camper(s) must be registered** to attend the camp before consideration is given for tuition assistance. The camp must have received \$100.00 or more as a registration fee payable to "Camp Dark Waters, Inc." for each camper applicant along with the signed camp registration form. Registration fees are credited toward tuition. They are refunded if the camper cannot be registered or is not approved for tuition assistance or for some other reason.
- 2) The Campership Trust Fund Advisory Committee cannot review any financial aid requests until all required pieces of information are received:
 - a) **A brief description of the child.**
This should include interests and hobbies, personal characteristics and why the child is interested in attending Camp Dark Waters. Information as to what you hope your child will gain from an experience at Camp Dark Waters should also be included.
 - b) **A copy of your first page of last year's IRS 1040 form showing your adjusted gross income**
 - c) **Two letters of Recommendation for the camper**
Each applicant must provide two different written recommendations. We will not accept duplicate recommendations for siblings of the same family; they need to be child-specific. One recommendation can be from a parent/guardian; the other must be from someone outside the family who knows the child well such as a family friend, teacher, social worker, etc. For campers new to CDW, the Advisory Board wants to know **how the candidate's strengths and interests might contribute to the camper population** and **how the candidate might benefit from an experience at CDW**. This information is different from the camper word picture provided on the financial aid form
For a returning camper: please describe how the child benefited from the camp experience last year and why you feel it is important to provide for another summer. Please have each reference include her/his phone number and sign the recommendation.
- 3) Once the camper is registered and all information received, we will consider your campership application. The amount of tuition assistance for each child will be determined based on total family income (which you will report on the DWCTF campership application form) and any particular circumstances you wish the Board to take into consideration.
- 4) Since our Advisory Board wants to make assistance available to as many children as possible, tuition aid will be limited to a single two-week camp experience per camper. Camperships are available for the two-week camp sessions as follows: June 23 – July 7, July 7 – 21, July 22 – August 4 and August 4 – 18, 2012. Assistance in one year will not imply nor obligate the Advisory Board to provide funding in another year.

Campership application(s) and recommendations should be sent to, Camp Dark Waters - CTF, P.O.Box 263, Medford, NJ 08055. As soon as a decision has been made, you will be notified and sent additional registration information. If you have questions, you may call the camp office at (609) 654-8846, or Reid Bush, Executor of the Campership Trust Fund at home in the evening at (610)273-7702.