

The Gucker Campership Fund

Application for Financial Aid for Summer 2024

The Gucker Campership Fund, formerly known as The Chief's Memorial Campership Fund, (the "Fund") supports parents and guardians with the cost of tuition for the North Country Camps–Camp Lincoln and Camp Whippoorwill. The Board recognizes the incredible impact that camp has on campers and it is thrilled to help send children to camp, to the extent possible.

The primary application deadline is February 1, 2024. Funding decisions will be communicated to families approximately one month after the application deadline.

The Fund will consider applications after the February 1, 2024 deadline on a rolling basis. Unfortunately, funds are limited so the Board may not be able to fund late applicants.

Send the following items to: Gucker Campership Fund, c/o Ted Sonneborn, 158 Auburn Street, Portland, ME 04103

- Completed and signed application form
- U.S. federal income tax returns for each parent/guardian for the most recent three years (including the current year, if available)
- Additional forms that clarify your financial situation (i.e., any unusual financial circumstances last year or anticipated in the coming year such as medical expenses, unemployment, casualty losses, etc.) (as appropriate)
- Any additional information on a separate paper (optional)

Notes about funding and the application process:

- We ask that you complete the requested information fully and honestly.
- The Fund understands the information provided is very personal and the Board will keep it strictly confidential. The names of applicants are only seen by Ted Sonneborn and shared with the Directors of Camp Lincoln and Camp Whippoorwill. Names are not shared with anyone else, including the Fund's Board of Directors during the application review process.
- If the funding you are offered is insufficient, please contact the directors of Camp Lincoln or Camp Whippoorwill and email Ted Sonneborn at apply@guckerfund.org.
- Once funding is awarded, we ask that families please view this as a commitment. If you are unable to send your child to camp for any reason, please let Ted Sonneborn know as quickly as possible. This can free up funding for another family
- Payment of awards is made directly by the Fund to North Country Camps.

If you need help or have questions, please email Ted Sonneborn at apply@guckerfund.org.

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APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

1. Before applying for funding, ensure that your child is registered at Camp Lincoln or Camp Whippoorwill and let the director know you are applying to the Fund.
2. Complete each section of the application to the best of your ability and sign the application form.
3. Attach complete copies, including relevant schedules, of your U.S. federal income tax form(s) for the past three years (including the current year, if available). If you have previously sent these tax forms to the Fund, you do not need to resend them.

Note: If you do not have a tax return, please provide letters or paperwork stating that your family qualifies for one or more of the following:

- Eligibility for the school lunch program
- Medicaid or CHIP
- Public housing or Section 8 voucher
- SNAP Benefits
- SSI (Supplemental Security Income)
- Social Security Survivors of Disability Insurance
- Veterans' benefits

4. Attach additional documents as instructed in the application.
5. If parents are separated or divorced, each parent must fully complete an individual application and submit appropriate tax returns.
6. If you are not able to provide certain information, please explain in a letter to the Board.
7. If you are applying for more than one child you only need to complete the following three sections for each additional child unless the information in the other sections is different: Child's Information, Enrollment Information, Scholarship Information.
8. Application packages, including the application and all required tax returns, must be postmarked by the deadlines listed on page 1 and mailed to: Gucker Campership Fund c/o Ted Sonneborn 158 Auburn Street, Portland, Maine 04103.

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CHILD'S INFORMATION

1. Full name: _____
2. Preferred name: _____
3. Pronouns: _____
4. Date of birth: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
5. Name of school: _____
 Public Non-public
6. Grade in school: _____
7. Child lives with: (check all that apply)
 Father Guardian Other (please specify) _____
 Grandparent Mother
8. Child's parents: (check all that apply)
 Joint custody Parent deceased Parents never married
 Married/partnership Parents divorced Parents separated

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

1. Is the child enrolled at Camp Lincoln or Camp Whippoorwill for summer 2024?
 Yes No
2. Has the child attended Camp Lincoln or Camp Whippoorwill previously?
 Yes No
3. Has the child applied to the Gucker Campership Fund (Chief's Fund) previously?
 Yes No
4. If the child was funded but did not attend Camp Lincoln or Camp Whippoorwill, why did the child not attend camp?

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PARENT & GUARDIAN INFORMATION

1. Name: _____
Relationship to child: _____
Home address: _____
Phone Number(s): (h) _____ (c) _____
Email: _____
Occupation: _____
Title: _____
Employed by: _____ Year(s) with employer: _____

2. Name: _____
Relationship to child: _____
Home address: _____
Phone Number(s): (h) _____ (c) _____
Email: _____
Occupation: _____
Title: _____
Employed by: _____ Year(s) with employer: _____

If there are more than two parents or guardians, please attach additional pages with the above information for each additional parent or guardian.

Who is the primary contact person for the application?

Name: _____

What is the best way to contact you?

Email (list email address if different from above): _____

Phone call (list phone number if different from above): _____

What times are best to call? _____

Text (list phone number if different from above): _____

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NON-CUSTODIAN PARENT INFORMATION

If divorced, separated, or never married, please complete the section(s) below and include a complete copy of the non-custodial parent or guardian's most recently filed U.S. federal income tax return form(s) for the past three years, including the current year, if available. If you previously sent these tax forms to the Fund, you do not need to resend them.

1. Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Home address: _____

Phone Number(s): (h) _____ (c) _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Title: _____

Employed by: _____ Year(s) with employer: _____

2. Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Home address: _____

Phone Number(s): (h) _____ (c) _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Title: _____

Employed by: _____ Year(s) with employer: _____

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF CUSTODIAL PARENT(S)

1. Who claims the child as a dependent? _____
2. Has a tax return been filed in the child's name?
 Yes (please attach a copy of the child's most recent U.S. federal income tax return)
 No
3. What is the total gross annual income for the past calendar year (Salary, interest, dividends, alimony, miscellaneous, etc.)?

4. Please list any monetary gifts received, including amount:

5. What is the value of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, trusts, checking and savings accounts, money markets, CDs, and equity interest in businesses? Please do not include retirement accounts.

6. Do you own your home?
 Yes (please answer questions a-e below)
 No (continue to question 7)
 - a. Purchase date _____
 - b. Purchase price _____
 - c. Monthly mortgage payment _____
 - d. Mortgage owed _____
 - e. Monthly maintenance fee/condo dues: _____
7. Do you rent your home?
 Yes (please answer questions a and b)
 No (continue to question 8)
 - a. Monthly rent: _____
 - b. Monthly maintenance fees/condo dues: _____

Financial Information of Custodial Parent(s) continues on page 7

8. Do you own your car(s)?
- Yes (please answer questions a and b below for each car, attach additional pages as necessary)
 - No (continue to question 9)
 - a. Is the car paid for?
 - Yes No
 - b. If no to the previous question, what is the monthly payment? _____
9. Do you lease your car(s)?
- Yes (please answer questions a and b below for each leased car, attach additional pages as necessary)
 - No (continue to question 10)
 - a. What is the monthly payment? _____
 - b. Is the car provided by your employer?
 - Yes No
10. If you own other property, real estate, vehicles, boats etc., please specify the type, estimated value and any money owed.
- _____
- _____
- _____
11. Who does the financial information entered in this section pertain to?
- _____

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LIABILITIES & EXPENSES

1. Total number of household members: _____
2. Number of children (under 18 years old) in the household: _____
3. List all outstanding loans (other than mortgage), specify type and amount: _____
4. Please list annual family education expenses (tuition, room, board, book fees, tutor, etc.):
 - a. Individual: _____ c. Individual: _____
School: _____ School: _____
Scholarship amount: _____ Scholarship amount: _____
Cost to family: _____ Cost to family: _____
 - b. Individual: _____ d. Individual: _____
School: _____ School: _____
Scholarship amount: _____ Scholarship amount: _____
Cost to family: _____ Cost to family: _____
5. Please list all travel and vacations from the past year, including purpose and cost:

6. How much do you pay in child support each month? _____
7. What are your typical monthly food expenses? _____
8. What is the combined average of your monthly utility bills? _____
9. Please list any other notable liabilities or expenses.

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

A chart of the fee for Camp Lincoln and Camp Whippoorwill is at the bottom of this page.

1. My child is enrolled at Camp Lincoln or Camp Whippoorwill for:

- The full season 5 weeks 3 weeks

2. How much funding are you requesting? Please list in dollar or percent form.

3. How will the remainder of the camp fee be paid? If there is an agreement with the non-custodial parent providing for the child's camp experience, please note it here.

4. Have you discussed the arrangements of the questions 1-3 with the director of Camp Lincoln or Camp Whippoorwill?

- Yes No

For reference, the 2024 fees for the North Country Camps–Camp Lincoln and Camp Whippoorwill are:

	Early registration (by December 1)	Regular Registration (after December 1)
Full season	\$10,240	\$10,440
5 weeks	\$8,940	\$9,140
3 weeks	\$6,460	\$6,660

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SIGNATURE & REVIEW

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

Signature and date: _____

Additional signature(s) and date: _____

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Important reminders and notes!

- Information supplied by the applicant is strictly confidential.
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