

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Summer Trips Scholarship Fund: Information



Signal Pres takes seriously its commitment to enable all students to participate in key ministry activities. We don't want finances alone to keep someone from going on a trip! Over the years, we've developed a Scholarship Fund for Summer Trips and the following guidelines to help us in this process. (Note: FISH and Fall Retreat scholarships are handled separately).

1. The fund is for Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church members or active participants in SM2 Student Ministry activities.
2. The individual seeking scholarship funding must pay for as much of their own trip as possible, either from their own personal funds or by personally raising funds for their trip.
3. Money will not be released from the Scholarship Fund until the applicant has paid all BUT the scholarship amount. (The scholarship cannot be used for deposits on trips or initial funding – it should be the final payment).
4. The Scholarship Fund may be used by an individual up to three times; however, a Scholarship Fund recipient in one year goes to the bottom of the consideration list for the following year. Applications will only be considered for one trip per year.
5. Any individual who is granted funds for their trip will agree to come up with volunteer hours (in the student ministry, related as much as possible specifically to the trip) that correspond to the funds they receive. See below.
6. Both the Scholarship Application and Reference must be submitted by the Registration Deadline. Incomplete forms will not be considered.
7. Scholarship funding will be as follows:

First, Signal Pres will provide scholarship funds up to 50% of the participant cost of a summer trip. Students agree to volunteer hours roughly related to the scholarship: 3 hours for 25% and 6 hours for 50%.

Second, first-time applicants for scholarships take precedence over previous recipients.

Third, all of the above is contingent on funds being available through the Scholarship Funds at the time of application.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Student Ministry Staff at Signal Pres.

SUMMER TRIPS SCHOLARSHIP FORM: APPLICATION

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Name of Trip: _____ Grade: _____

What will you do to raise your own support to contribute to PERSONAL FUNDS?

List a few possibilities.

(Think jobs like babysitting, car wash, lawn care, etc.)

(a) COST OF TRIP \$ _____

(b) PERSONAL FUNDS \$ _____

(c) FAMILY FUNDS \$ _____

(d) SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST \$ _____

(a) – total of (b+c)

Please describe the present situation that causes your need at this time.

Why do you want to go on this particular trip? How do you believe this trip will encourage or strengthen your life with God and with others?

Have you gone on previous summer trips? Yes / No
If yes, please list which ones.

Name of REFERENCE _____

Please supply a character reference (not a family member or staff at Signal Pres) and give them the attached form to complete by the deadline. Please submit all forms to the administrative assistant in the Student Ministry Office at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church.

The information given will be kept confidential and only be used by the pastors, officers, and members of the Student Scholarship Fund Committee of Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church for the purpose of this application. This application form will be destroyed after the application has been submitted and a decision been made.

SUMMER TRIPS SCHOLARSHIP FORM: REFERENCE

Students: Please complete this top portion yourself before you give it to the reference.

Applicant Information:

Name _____ Trip Applying For _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Note to reference: The student who has given this reference form to you is applying for a Summer Trip Scholarship through Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church. Please return this form promptly and directly to Sydney Little (not to the student) at Signal Pres (612 James Blvd, Signal Mountain, TN 37377 or email it in to slittle@signalpres.org). Your comments will be kept confidential.

Please rank the applicant, relative to peers, in the following areas:

(1 = Lowest to 5 = Highest, U = Unknown)

Follower of Christ	_____	Walking with Christ	_____
Servant Attitude	_____	Heart for others (compassion)	_____
Courage	_____	Emotional Maturity	_____
Personal Responsibility	_____	Moral Character	_____
Personal Initiative & Motivation	_____	Cooperation	_____
Respect for Authority	_____	Spiritual Interest	_____
Participant in Church	_____	Leadership Skills	_____

1. How long have you known this applicant and in what capacity?

2. Please make any comments that you believe should be considered by the Student Scholarship Committee.

3. Would you recommend this young person for a scholarship? (circle one)

YES

NO

YES, With Reservations

Your Name _____ Phone or Email: _____

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