

**Introduction:** Ascendigo Autism Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All our programs are highly discounted, and we recoup only about 60% of our actual operating costs from Summer Camp tuitions. Nonetheless, we recognize that the more than 1:1 staff to camper ratios, high end sports programming, and expensive operating location make for higher than average camp tuition costs. To better serve all our customers, Ascendigo is proud to offer a large scholarship program designed to reduce financial barriers. Please note that Ascendigo will take each complete application into consideration, but scholarship awards are not guaranteed.

**Steps and Process:**

1. \*Enroll your camper for desired session(s). Registration details found [here](#).
2. Complete the scholarship application fully and submit. Application found [here](#) beginning on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
3. Await a scholarship decision and inform Ascendigo of acceptance or withdrawal.

**2023 Scholarship Timelines:**

Application Opens	Application Closes	Notification of Decision
On or before February 14 <sup>th</sup> @ Noon MST	March 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 11:59pm MST	By March 17 <sup>th</sup> @ 11:59pm MST
<b>**Family Acceptance or Withdrawal Decision</b>		
March 31 <sup>st</sup> by 11:59pm MST		

After the scholarship application closes on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, our independent scholarship committee will review the applications and make financial aid awards. Each family will be notified of the committee’s decision via award letter to the email specified on their application on or before the “Notification of Decision” date above.

After award letters have been sent, an applicant has until the “Family Acceptance or Withdrawal Decision” date above to notify Ascendigo if they will accept the scholarship award or withdraw their camper. Accepted awards will be credited to the families ACTIVE Network Account. Withdrawals will result in the camper’s registration being cancelled, and all their registration deposit money being refunded in full so long as Ascendigo is notified in writing by the end of the day on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### FAQs:

**Q: Do I qualify for a scholarship?**

A: Yes! Ascendigo accepts applications from everyone regardless of income or other demographics. We recognize that a need for financial assistance is often complicated and situation dependent. Please take your time during the application process to tell our committee why you need the financial support.

**Q: How much can I apply for?**

A: Families from outside of the greater Roaring Fork Valley (RFV) may apply for up to 65% of the total camp tuition costs. Full time locals of the greater RFV (Rifle to Aspen) may apply for up to 100% of the camp tuition.

**Q: What if I cannot afford the required 35% deposit to register?**

A: Non-Local families must pay a 35% deposit to reserve a camp spot. If you are a local to the Greater RFV and cannot afford the 35% deposit, please contact [clong@ascendigo.org](mailto:clong@ascendigo.org) ASAP so that we can discuss your situation.

**Q: What if I miss the application deadline?**

A: At this time, no application will be accepted after the deadline.

**Q: Can I reserve my camper a spot prior to getting a scholarship award?**

A: YES! In fact, we encourage all families to register as soon as possible to better your chances of getting a competitive spot.

**Q: What if I don't get a scholarship, or my scholarship is less than I requested?**

A: We're sorry you didn't get what you had hoped! Your camper spot will remain reserved until the end of the day on March 31<sup>st</sup>. You must notify Ascendigo if you plan to keep your camper and pay the tuition another way, or if you want withdrawal your registration. Withdrawals are penalty free until March 31<sup>st</sup> but are subject to cancelation fees after that date.

**Q: How does the scholarship committee make decisions?**

A: All scholarship applications are reviewed by the same independent committee and at the same time. Our committee will pay close attention to the camper's level of need, circumstances, and reasons for the application, and may consider whether the family has been awarded a scholarship before. Committee members are not Ascendigo staff to avoid internal bias.