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ELEVATING THE SPECTRUM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM

Ascendigo Summer Adventures

Scholarship Information 2027

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 scholarship program designed to reduce financial barriers. Scholarship funding is limited this year. Please note that Ascendigo will take each complete application into consideration, but scholarship awards are not guaranteed. All recipients are required to thank our generous donors for making this scholarship program possible.*

Steps and Process:

1. *Enroll your camper for desired session(s). Registration details found here.
2. Complete the scholarship application fully and submit. Reach out to Marisa – malam@ascendigo.org to request a scholarship application via Adobe Sign.
3. Await a scholarship decision and inform Ascendigo of acceptance or withdrawal.

Summer Scholarship Eligibility Criteria		
Household Income	**RFV Local**	**Out-of-Town Family**
<$70,000	up to 90%	up to 65%
$70,001-$100,000	up to 80%	up to 65%
$100,001-$125,000	up to 70%	up to 55%
$125,001-$150,000	up to 60%	up to 50%
$150,001-$200,000	up to 50%	up to 40%
$200,001-$250,000	up to 40%	up to 30%
$250,001-$300,000	special circumstance	special circumstance

2027 Scholarship Timelines:

Application Opens	Application Closes	Scholarship Notification
On January 14th @ Noon MST	February 19th @ 11:59 pm MST	March 12th @ 5:00 pm MST
****Family Acceptance or Withdrawal Decision**		
March 19th by 5:00 pm MST		

* While not a requirement, we strongly encourage each family to register for a camp spot as soon as registration opens regardless of if they intend to apply for a scholarship. This increases the family's chances of getting their desired spot in the program.
** Withdrawals will be charged a cancelation fee after the "Family Acceptance or Withdrawal Decision Deadline" date and time above. Please notify Ascendigo if you wish to withdrawal prior to this date to avoid penalties.

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Scholarship Process:

After the scholarship application closes on February 19th, 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.

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 90% 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 kholthouse@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?

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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 if 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 19th. 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 19th 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.

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