

OUR BURSARY PROGRAM

CAMP SAGITAWA

Each summer, Sagitawa Christian Camps offers financial support through Bursaries to assist students registered in a post-secondary institute in the current year. The Camp Office receives applications before July 31 of each year.

The Bursary Fund is supplied through the following:

1. Sagitawa budgets a sizable amount towards the Staff Fund.
2. Sagitawa is committed to raising Bursary donations from our support base.
3. Camp staff are encouraged to raise prayer support and Bursary donations from their home church and friends. We will assist in this process by providing prayer cards and sample prayer letters.
4. Camp staff do community work projects during training camp to help raise finances toward the Bursary.

Please note that donations must be sent to the Bursary Fund program and cannot specify any particular individual. The Camp Board, or designated committee, will distribute monies within the guidelines given below.

Expenditures from the Staff Fund include ministry related expenses (allowable mileage and criminal record check expenses). Our desire is that volunteers ministering at the resident site not be out of pocket due to mileage and other expenses. However, we also recognize that some of our non-student and short-term staff prefer to assist other students rather than to recover their own expenses. Once all expenditures have been paid, the remaining Staff Fund (well over 70%) is transferred into the Bursary Fund.

Bursary Payout

The average per applicant payout over the past number of years has been \$2000 - \$5000. In theory, this amount could be increased, but is dependant on donations and the volume of need by applicants.

The formula is based on quotas and percentages. Each staff member can calculate their quota (maximum available) as follows...

$(\$450 \times \# \text{ of wks of service in the current yr}) + (\$500 \text{ per yr of service as staff or } \$250 \text{ as Seed to a maximum of } \$1000)$

If the total distribution available is 50% of the total of all quotas, then each staff would receive about 50% of their quota. Further adjustments are made by considering individual needs and availability of other funding.

How to Qualify?

In order to qualify for these programs, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must meet the qualifications required to become a staff or SEED.
2. Applicants must be enrolled in a post-secondary institution for the next fall session.

Other Assistance?

Camp Sagitawa seeks to apply for as many student grants as possible. We use these monies to assist some students through camp work programs. This helps our Bursary go further.

We also encourage staff to consider asking their home church for missionary or ministry support. Some churches would prefer to provide direct missionary support then to give toward our Bursary. The end result is that this type of support helps our Bursary go further as it alleviates the need on the part of some staff. There are several other reasons why the Society believes home church involvement is important:

1. It stimulates the local church to have a greater interest and involvement in the individual while on the mission field, and in camp as a home mission.
2. The society views itself as part of the churches outreach program.
3. It encourages interest and support of the individual by members of the home church.

Staff Expense Relief

We have valued the knowledge and wisdom of older returning staff, and have therefore felt the need to provide a funding program to assist them in serving at Sagitawa.

This program is set up to assist non-students who are incurring expenses because they have temporarily left jobs in order to serve at Sagitawa for the summer. The intent of this program is to assist full time staff, as opposed to those who serve for a week or two.

Applicants must submit a list of monthly expenses such as rent, vehicle payments, and student loan payments to the Camp Director. The Director will then discuss available options and give further direction to the applicant as to what amount would be available for expense relief. A basic estimate is \$500 monthly.

The Camp Board has requested that all staff in need of expense relief raise at least half of the amount to be received. The Camp will help make others aware of the need, and donations must be made directly to the staff member, rather than through the camp books. We are not able to offer tax receipts for these donations.

Be encouraged! In the past, staff that have made an effort to raise support in this way have found it to work faster than they ever imagined. If you are considering the use of this fund, please apply as soon as possible.