

# **Christian Campership/Scholarship Guidelines for Children and Youth**

**Definition:** A Christian Campership/Scholarship for children and youth provides a portion of the camp/conference fee. It generally does not provide the full camp/conference fee, but the full fee may be considered in appropriate cases.

## **I. Purpose:**

The Presbytery of Riverside has a special concern for serving the needs of children and youth whose family may not have the ability to pay the regular camp/youth conference fees. We also believe that there is a real educational value in sharing the Camping/Youth Conference experience with children and youth from diverse backgrounds. By providing Camperships/Scholarships for children and youth we can be assured of the attendance of a well-rounded group of children and that a greater number of youth will be able to participate.

## **II. Determination:**

Christian Camperships/Scholarships for children and youth are determined on the basis of two main criteria:

- Financial need
- Personal need (i.e. benefit to the individual child)

## **III. Distribution:**

- A. Camperships/Scholarships for children and youth are given on a first come-first serve basis.
- B. Unless otherwise stated, Camperships/Scholarships for children and youth will be limited to covering a part of the fee and advertised accordingly.
- C. Camperships/Scholarships for children and youth are to be distributed as evenly as possible between requesting congregations and applicants.
- D. Camperships/Scholarships for children and youth are limited to funds available.

## **IV. Requests:**

- A. Requests may be received from any Church in the Presbytery of Riverside.
- B. Decisions on the awarding of Camperships/Scholarships for children and youth are determined by the Education and Leadership Development Team.

## **V. Procedures**

- A. Completed Campership/Scholarship requests for children or youth initiated by the home church are submitted to the Education and Leadership Development Team.
- B. Completed Campership/Scholarship requests for children or youth initiated by individuals other than church office personnel are submitted to the home church.
- C. The application form is reviewed by the pastor, clerk of session, church educator, or youth director of the home church and then forwarded to the Education and Leadership Development Team.
- D. Home church and applicant to be notified by the chair, or designated person, of eligibility within one month.
- E. Preference will be given for Presbyterian Events
- F. Funds will be sent to the home church.