



CYF Merit-Based Scholarship Policy

Service Hours for Financial Credit

Goal/Purpose: To make transformational opportunities to travel and serve through Summer Immersion Trips and Camp experiences affordable, so that more young people might be able to experience Jesus and grow in faith. To do so, students and parents may work service hours for financial credit to assist in off-setting the cost of such experiences.

How it works:

- Students receive 1 credit for each hour served/worked in any SOTV sponsored service event. (1 Hour volunteering = 1 credit earned).
- 1 hour minimum service hour required per event.
- Parents/Adults representing a student also receive 1 credit for each hour served/worked at a lower rate.
- Credits may be exchanged for /applied as a Merit-based Scholarship towards any Summer Immersion Trip or Off-Site Camp Experience (including Camp Wapo).
 - 2022-2023 Credit Rates
 - Student Credits = \$16
 - Adult Credits = \$10
- All unused credits expire August 31 each year. Credits are use or lose and may not be carried over into a future program year.
- Families will have 2 opportunities during the year to obtain a merit scholarship or forgo using their credits.
 - 1st Opportunity – Prior to the 2nd Trip Payment Deadline
 - 2nd Opportunity – Prior to the Final Trip Payment Deadline
 - A letter will be sent to families at each opportunity, and families will need to reply to either approve or decline using their credits towards a merit-based scholarship, including any refund requests of initial deposits as eligible.
- Each trip participant is responsible for a minimum \$50 out-of-pocket deposit. Eligible refunds will be calculated to account for this minimum.
- All refund requests must be made prior to trip departure.

All merit-based credits are applied directly to trip cost, and no student receives direct payment in exchange for their service / volunteer efforts.

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