

YMCA Hayo-Went-Ha Camps

Campership Financial Assistance

2026

YMCA Hayo-Went-Ha Camps is committed to serving the entire community. We believe every child deserves the opportunity to experience camp, regardless of a family's financial circumstances. Each year, we distribute more than \$300,000 in campership assistance to help ensure access to our programs.

How to Get Started

Families interested in applying for financial assistance should first register for a camp program as usual via the website. At the final payment step, select "Pay Deposit Only." A deposit is required to hold your camper's spot. For overnight programs, a reduced deposit may be available for campership applicants upon request. Please contact us if you need assistance.

Award Amounts

Camperships are awarded based on demonstrated financial need. We consider household income, number of dependents, and reported expenses using our Financial Assistance Income Guidelines, which are applied consistently to all applications. Families are asked to contribute a fair portion of the program fee based on their circumstances.

Campership awards typically range from 5% to 90% of camper fees, depending on need. Assistance is limited to one two-week overnight session, one four-week overnight session, or up to four weeks of day camp per camper each summer. Due to the additional cost and logistics, the Alaska trip is available at reduced fees only for returning campers.

If you register and campership funds are less than expected or you need to cancel your registration, your deposit will be eligible for a refund.

Applying Online

The campership application window opens October 20 and remains open until funds are fully distributed. Applications are reviewed and awarded in the order they are received.

To complete your application, you must submit required financial documentation, including the first two pages of your most recent 1040 tax return (current to the program year). Applications will not be processed until all required materials are received. Incomplete applications will be held until documentation is submitted.

Award Notifications

Applications are reviewed during the first week of each month. Once your complete application has been processed, you will receive an award decision by email.

If your campership is approved and you have not yet registered with a deposit, you must complete registration and submit the \$250 deposit within two weeks of receiving your award notification. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the award.

[Apply Online](#)

If you have questions at any point in the process, please reach out. We are happy to walk through the steps with you and help make camp possible for your family.