

Scout Assistance Request Procedures and Guidelines for Financial Hardship Assistance

Guidelines:

- **A Scout Assistance Application must be completed in full by parent/guardian and Unit Leader before consideration. In complete applications will be returned to the Unit's Leader.**
- Parents must complete the Comments section and Leaders the "Comments/Recommendation" section of the Application. These areas are strongly considered during the review process.
- Applications may be submitted and will be considered for any camp, activity or training of the Occonechee Council or one of its Districts.
- Requests to participate in camps or activities held by National or other councils will not be considered.
- Much of the funds available to provide financial assistance have restrictions for their use, either by program or geographic area.
- Providing assistance for Scouts (youth) will be primary. Assistance for required adult leadership training will be available, if necessary and only as funds are available.

Assistance Funding Parameters:

- Registration: It is suggested the parent/guardian/Scout pay a portion of the annual fee to join Boy Scouts of America (National), but if they cannot Council will cover the fee.
- Uniforms: Council will provide the official shirt and the insignia for the shirt
- Handbooks: Council will provide the handbook
- Camps & Events: Assistance may range from 25% - 50% of the cost of the camp/event. Scout/family is asked to pay/earn a portion of the fee and will typically be asked to make the initial camp/event deposit with any assistance applied to the remainder of the balance.
- Assistance grants will be determined using all of the information requested/provided on the application, including income, number of siblings in Scouting, if the parent is a volunteer, and the Scout's/family's participation in the popcorn and camp card fundraisers.
- Falsification of information by a parent/guardian will disqualify the Scout from any current and future assistance considerations. Falsification of information by a Unit Leader may disqualify all Scouts from their Unit for assistance consideration.

REGISTRATION:

A request for registration assistance must be attached with a new membership application or with the Unit's re-charter paperwork.

UNIFORMS & HANDBOOKS:

Uniform and handbook assistance approvals will be valid for 30 days upon notification, after which, the monies will be released and made available for other requests. Please recycle to your Unit any uniform parts purchased with assistance to assist other Scouts in need.

CAMPS & EVENTS:

The actual transfer of funds will not occur until the attendance of the individual receiving assistance has been confirmed. Assistance cannot be transferred to other Scouts.