

Kupugani Campership Criteria and Application Information

The Kupugani Scholarship Fund strives to be generous and make camp attainable for all campers, regardless of ability to pay. Camperships are available to assist families who may not otherwise be able to finance Camp Kupugani. In general, campership consideration will be given to any family that expresses need and has a gross annual income of less than \$100,000. Campership award is on an individual, case-by-case basis, determined by need, demonstrated commitment to the Kupugani mission, and fund availability.

The following criteria qualify a campership participant with the Kupugani Scholarship Fund:

- Aged 7 - 15
- Self-motivated and excited to participate under the guidelines of Camp Kupugani
- Involved in school and extracurricular activities
- Respectful of others and able to follow the guidelines of positive group dynamics
- Expresses curiosity, integrity, intelligence, and willingness to take risks
- Flexible and mature
- Interested in grasping a broader sense of responsibility and acquiring a great appreciation for self-confidence, know-how and leadership
- Committed to being a positive contributing group member and shows a genuine interest to participate
- Understanding their commitment means full participation and completion of the program
- Has a family who supports their child's attendance for Camp Kupugani
- Family is unable to otherwise afford for their child to attend Camp Kupugani, as shown by their submission of income and expense information on the Kupugani Scholarship Fund Campership Application
- All campership application materials are submitted no later than April 30, 2025.
- Proof of income and ability to pay aligns to the guidelines below:

Household Size 2-3:

Partial 25% campership	\$65,000 - \$85,000 gross annual income
Partial 50% campership	\$50,000 - \$64,999 gross annual income
Partial 80% campership	<\$49,999 gross annual income

Household Size 4-5:

Partial 25% campership	\$72,000 - \$89,999 gross annual income
Partial 50% campership	\$60,000 - \$71,999 gross annual income
Partial 80% campership	<\$59,999 gross annual income

Household Size 6-7:

Partial 25% campership	\$80,000 - \$99,999 gross annual income
Partial 50% campership	\$66,000 - \$79,999 gross annual income
Partial 80% campership	<\$65,999 gross annual income

The application deadline is April 30, 2025. A Selection Committee may review completed applications and conduct interviews from May 1 - 14. Campership award recipients will be notified the week of May 15th. At this time, if the requested amount is granted, Camp Kupugani will register your camper; if the amount granted is less than requested, your deposit can be returned in full. The Campership application is on the reverse side of this page. All information for financial assistance is kept strictly confidential. Camperships are not guaranteed and may be issued in any dollar amount.

All parent/guardians must submit a completed camp registration form, proof of income documents, and a refundable \$750 deposit by April 30, 2025. The child named on this application *will not* be registered for Camp Kupugani unless and until a campership is awarded. Additional information is available by contacting Kevin Gordon at (815) 713-4110.

First-time campers are required to submit a recommendation letter from a teacher, coach, or community leader who can speak to their character, social-emotional skills, and contributions to building diverse and inclusive communities.

Returning campers are required to submit a personal essay or video narrative demonstrating how Kupugani has helped them to build diverse and inclusive communities at home, school, and/or elsewhere.

All campership applicants may be invited for a 10 to 15-minute phone/video call where they will be asked to share more about why they want to attend camp this summer and what they hope to bring back to their communities.

All campership recipients must submit a post-camp letter of thanks to our donors.

2025 CAMPERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Incomplete application forms will not be considered. All information will be kept confidential.

Camper's Name _____ Age _____ Grade (entering in 2025) _____

My child is under the custodial care of: (circle one) both parents mother only father only guardian

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Mailing Address _____
Street City/State Zip Code

Email Address _____

Day Phone _____ Night Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Number of children under 18 years old at home _____ Number of wage earners at home _____

Monthly Income

Total Household Wages: _____

Child Support / Alimony _____

Other Income (explain) _____

Monthly Expenses

Rent/Mortgage _____

Food _____

Medical _____

Car _____

Tuition _____

Other _____ (Please attach a separate sheet to explain "other" expenses)

Gross Total Household Income _____

Total Expenses _____

DEPOSIT (Refundable only if grant is less than requested) A \$ 750.00 (required)
ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FAMILY CAN PAY B \$ _____ (Do not include the deposit in this amount)
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID BY FAMILY C \$ _____ (sum of lines A + B)
CAMP TUITION D \$ 2950.00
AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM CAMPERSHIP FUND E \$ _____ (amount D minus C)

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct.

Parent/Guardian Name (print please): _____

Campership Applicant (print please): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

BY APRIL 30TH, 2025, PLEASE SUBMIT EVERYTHING ON THIS CHECKLIST TO:

Kupuganischolarshipfund@gmail.com OR Kupugani Scholarship Fund, 6903 W White Eagle Rd , Leaf River, IL 61047

- completed **CAMPERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**
- recent **FEDERAL TAX FORM** (both sides)
- completed **CAMP REGISTRATION FORM** (or submit online)
- recent **PAY STUB/INCOME VERIFICATION**
- \$750 **DEPOSIT** (refundable until qualified)
- All applicants:** parent/guardian explanation of why camper needs scholarship support
- First time campers:** teacher/coach/community leader reference letter (the more the letter can address how the camper fits the eligibility standards and mission the better!)
- Returning campers:** personal essay demonstrating how the Kupugani experience has helped you build or support diverse and inclusive communities at home, school, or elsewhere (200 - 400 words). Can be substituted with 2 to 4 minute video of camper speaking to these points.