



Summer Camp Scholarship Application

Deadline to apply is Friday, March 10th, 2025

Our scholarships are opportunities for students with a keen interest in science, medicine, arts, and nature who may not be able to afford full registration fees. The scholarship includes all classes, materials, and field trip expenses. ***Students awarded a scholarship will need to pay a \$25 nonrefundable deposit in order to attend.***

To Apply (All pages must be submitted and complete for eligibility)

- Review Summer 2025 camp offerings and select a single camp to apply potential scholarship towards
 - See full camp descriptions at <https://www.cmnh.org/learn/summer-camps>
- Complete the Scholarship Applicant Information Form in full
- Submit the letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor or principal
- Provide a written statement from your school office stating eligibility for reduced price or free meals. Homeschooling families: see info on last page. (No written statement needed for students in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and Cleveland Hts.-University Hts. school District. All students in those districts qualify) (page 4)

Submission Options and Next Steps:

All forms must be completed and returned no later than **Friday, March 10th, 2025**

to:

Summer Camp Scholarship Program Cleveland Museum of Natural History 1 Wade Oval Drive Cleveland, Ohio 44106	-OR-	Applications can also be emailed: SummerCamps@cmnh.org
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Scholarship recipients will be notified via email or phone no later than April 1st. Recipients must register for the camp through the following link: <https://www.cmnh.org/learn/summer-camps>. All information is confidential. We are happy to answer any questions about the process! Contact us at: SummerCamps@cmnh.org

Step 1—Select a camp and date

Use the link above to review the camp descriptions. Check the box next to the camp name you are applying for. Check the box to indicate the week of camp you are interested in attending; 1st and 2nd choice ranking will be given priority, when possible. Recipients of a Scholarship will be contacted by April 1st. Students may receive only one scholarship per year. Appropriate grade levels for camp attendance and registration are presented as the predicted grade your camper would enter in the 2025-2026 academic year.

Circle Sampler Camp [Grades 1-2]

Session Dates + Preferences:

6/9 -> 6/13

7/7->7/11

7/14->7/18

7/28->8/1

Collecting Curiosities [Grades 2-3]

Session Dates + Preferences:

7/14->7/18

7/21->7/25

Naturally Skilled [Grades 3-4]

Session Dates + Preferences:

7/28->8/1

8/4->8/8

Exhibiting Greatness [Grades 4-5]

Session Dates + Preferences:

6/23-6/27

7/21->7/25

Make Your Own Museum 1 [Grades 5-6]

Session Dates + Preferences:

6/9 -> 6/13

7/7->7/11

Make Your Own Museum 2 [Grades 6-8]

Session Dates + Preferences:

7/28->8/1

8/4->8/8

The (You)niverse [Grades 6-8]

Session Dates + Preferences:

7/8-7/10

7/22-7/24

Scholarship Applicant Information Form

Step 2—Basic Information

Student Full Name: _____

Grade Level in Fall 2025: _____ Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School (please note if homeschooled): _____

School District: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

(Must provide in order to receive scholarship materials and information)

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Parent/Guardian Address *(if different from student address)*

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Step 3—Reference

Please give this form to a teacher, guidance counselor, or principal who knows your child well. Ask them to fill it out and return it to you in a sealed envelope or they can send it directly to us no later than **Friday, March 10th, 2025.**

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Student’s Full Name: _____

School (please note if homeschooled): _____

School District: _____

Circle the number that best describes how well the statements describe this student.	1 = “Strongly Disagree” 5 = “Strongly Agree”	Please comment
Eager to learn and try new things.	1 2 3 4 5	
Has a strong interest in science.	1 2 3 4 5	
Follows directions and obeys rules.	1 2 3 4 5	
Works well with other students.		
Demonstrates respect for others including peers and adults.	1 2 3 4 5	
Has a good understanding of science concepts for grade level.		

Please attach and submit a written letter (1 page maximum) answering the following question: “Why should this student receive a scholarship for summer camp at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History?”

Name and Title of person completing this form: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Step 4—Income Requirements

Check with your school office or school guidance counselor and ask them to provide a letter stating that you qualify for the national reduced price meals program. This letter must be received no later than **Friday, March 10th, 2025**.

Please check this box if the student attends a CMSD or CHUH school. We do not require a letter of lunch program qualification for CMSD/CHUH students.

If you do not receive free or reduced price school meals, but you still meet the income guidelines, have your school send a letter stating that you qualify. **If you cannot get a letter from your school, please submit a notarized letter signed by a witness that states that you meet the income guidelines.**

Homeschooling families, please submit a notarized letter signed by a witness that states that you meet the income guidelines.

Income Eligibility Guidelines – School Year 2024-2025

(Available in full here: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-02-20/pdf/2024-03355.pdf>)

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART 2024-2025			
Household size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	27,861	2,322	536
2	36,814	3,152	728
3	47,767	3,981	919
4	57,720	4,810	1,110
5	67,673	5,640	1,302
6	77,626	6,469	1,493
7	87,579	7,299	1,685
8	97,532	8,128	1,876
Each additional person:	+ 9,953	+ 830	+ 192

Step 5— Send in your application

Put all the application pages together. Check the list on the first page to make sure you have everything. Return all completed forms no later than **Friday, March 10th, 2025** to:

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