

## CYF Merit-Based Scholarship Policy

**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 in any SOTV sponsored service event identified as merit scholarship eligible. (1 Hour volunteering = 1 credit earned). 1 service hour minimum required per event.
- Parents/adults representing a student also receive 1 credit for each hour served at a lower rate.
- Credits may be applied as a Merit-Based Scholarship towards any Summer Immersion Trip or Off-Site Camp Experience (including Camp Wapo).
  - Credit Rates
    - Student Credits = \$13
    - Pizza Lead Credits = \$10
    - Adult Credits = \$8
- All unused credits expire August 31 each year. Credits are use-or-lose and may not be carried over into a future program year.
- An email will be sent to families with the credit balances during mid-May and families will need to respond to either approve or decline using their credits towards a merit-based scholarship.
- Any deposit required at the time of registration is not eligible to be covered by the merit scholarship. Deposit amounts may vary depending on trip/camp. Financial support may be requested to cover a deposit by indicating this at the time of registration, or by contacting the Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries.
- All refund requests must be made prior to trip departure.

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

Please direct questions to [Kelsey.young@sotv.org](mailto:Kelsey.young@sotv.org), Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry.

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### If you would like to use a Merit Scholarship towards a Camp Wapo offering, please do the following in order:

- 1) Register on [Camp Wapo's website](#) and pay any identified deposit.
- 2) Determine if you are also requesting a campership and pick one of the following options:
  - If you WILL NOT need a campership in addition to your Merit Scholarship:
    - i) Send an email to [Heidi.Beranek@sotv.org](mailto:Heidi.Beranek@sotv.org) to confirm merit scholarship funds should be applied to the remaining Camp Wapo balance.
  - If you WILL need a campership in addition to your Merit Scholarship:
    - i) Complete the [campership request form](#)
    - ii) Indicate on your campership request that you would also like to use a Merit Scholarship.
- 3) Pay any remaining balance with Camp Wapo AFTER June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Merit Scholarships and Campership payments are made to Camp Wapo at the end of May.