



## 2024 JUNIOR NATURE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.** *These guidelines have been established to ensure a smooth process to accommodate as many applications as our funding will allow in a timely and equitable manner.*

### *Guidelines:*

- 1. Scholarship consideration is based on need, merit, timeliness of application, and availability. First consideration will be given to financial need. The Federal Poverty Guidelines (attached) and the narrative information in the application are considered to determine eligibility.*
- 2. A separate application is required for each child.*
- 3. No incomplete application will be considered. If incomplete, it will be returned to you. Review your application thoroughly before submission.*
- 4. All camp scholarship awards and subsequent registration will be processed by the Oglebay Institute Administration Office, not through the customer service desk at the Schrader Center.*
- 5. Submission of this scholarship application DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN CAMP.*
- 6. APPLY EARLY! So that you may plan your family's summer activities, awards will be announced shortly after the scholarship application deadline of May 5, 2024. Should funding resources remain, applications received between May 6 & June 16, 2024 may be reviewed and funding consideration given. Applications received after June 16, 2024 will not be considered.*
- 7. Due to the large number of requests for financial assistance, scholarship awards are partial. You will have a balance to pay in order for your child to attend camp. Your child is not officially enrolled until any required balance is paid.*
- 8. If your child would like to be considered for the Greg Park Scholarship, an additional essay is required. Information and instructions are at the end of this form.*

*As a courtesy to our generous funding partners, your child will be required to submit a "thank you" card or letter.*

*If you have any questions, please call our office before submitting your application. We are happy to explain things further and help you with the process. Any questions may be directed to the Administration Office at 304 242-4200.*

Return completed form to:  
Oglebay Institute Scholarship Committee  
1330 National Road  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
Fax 304 242-4203

*Information provided on this application is considered strictly confidential by Oglebay Institute.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Is the camper invited to be a CIT (Counselor in Training) in 2023?  Yes  No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark the week(s) you wish to attend:

- Week One only: July 16-22, 2023
- Week Two only: July 23-29, 2023
- Both Weeks: July 16-29, 2023

Has applicant attended any OI day or residential camp before?

Day Camp:  Yes  No Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Camp:  Yes  No Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant received scholarship assistance before?  Yes\*  No

\*If you have received a scholarship three or more years in a row, you may be ineligible for consideration. Priority may be given to new applicants.

Briefly describe how attending Junior Nature Camp would be a benefit and explain your need for financial assistance. Please add additional page if more space is necessary.

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List any past and/or current experiences that would indicate an interest in the area(s) for which a scholarship is being considered. Please add additional page if more space is necessary.

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Because of the high demand for financial assistance, applicant are asked to pay a fair portion of the cost of the registration fee per each camp week requested. Please indicate the fair portion you are able to contribute per child:

I can pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ per week, up to a total amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please check one of the following ranges of TOTAL yearly family income:

- Less than \$20,000
  - \$20,001 - \$30,000
  - \$30,001 - \$40,000
  - \$40,001 - \$50,000
  - More than \$50,000
- Total household size: \_\_\_\_\_ (Children & Adults)  
 Total number of dependent children in your household: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does your child participate in a reduced or free lunch program at school?  
 Yes  No  Not offered at child's school.  
 Is a parent or guardian unemployed at this time?  Yes  No

If more than \$50K, list amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, length of unemployment: \_\_\_\_\_ months

Name & location of your current or most recent employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check any type of income you are receiving from a government agency:

\_\_\_ Unemployment Insurance \_\_\_ Social Security \_\_\_ Worker's Compensation \_\_\_ Disability \_\_\_ Other

Oglebay Institute is proud to publicize the accomplishments of our students and promote our programs to the public. Photographs and/or video recordings of you and/or your child/children may be taken by the media and/or OI staff members for promotional purposes only. Oglebay Institute may use these names and images to promote itself, its fiscal agent, and/or their activities.

I give my consent.  I do not give my consent.

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Date Received in Administration: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of review: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Greg Park Scholarship**

One participant in Junior Nature Camp will be awarded the Greg Park Scholarship. Upon Greg's retirement in 2014, a two-week full scholarship in his name was created to honor his passion for learning and teaching about the natural world.

A native of Ripley, West Virginia, Greg Park has been sharing his knowledge about nature and history for more than 45 years. He first became interested in the world around him through his participation in Boy Scouts where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Greg has served as a swimming coach at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey where he studied, taught and lived in one of the premier birding locations in the world. A highlight of his love of history was his participation as a re-enactor specialist in the film *The Patriot*. A believer in lifelong learning, Greg is also passionate about exploring places he's never been, learning things he doesn't know, and working with his hands. He carves, engraves, and is learning to blacksmith.

Greg served as Oglebay Institute's Naturalist for 30 years, spending many summers at Junior Nature Camp inspiring three generations of campers. After his retirement, he continues to stay involved and is recognized as Oglebay Institute's Naturalist Emeritus. He is widely known as one of the region's foremost naturalists and environmental educators.

He received his master's degree from West Virginia University in Biology Education. Though a teacher by trade, he has also completed important scientific research including the discovery of a new species of troglobite cave beetle named in his honor - *Pseudanopthalmus parki*.

To apply for the Greg Park Scholarship, please fill in the scholarship form and submit an essay as a separate attachment on the following topic:

**Explain the importance of nature education and spending time outdoors to today's society.**