



CAMPERSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

Full 7-Week Session: June 24 - August 12, 2026

Submission Deadline: February 1, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS: All Campership Award Applicants must be 2nd through 8th graders during the 2025-2026 school year. The Application should be completed by the Applicant's parent, guardian, or Sponsor (as defined below), with input from the Applicant. A separate application should be completed for each child in a family, although Sections 3 and 4 only need to be completed once per family. The application may be completed by hand or electronically. All documents included in support of the application must be submitted at the same time as the application.

The information you submit through this application, both below and in support of the application, will be held in confidence and only shared with the Board of The Indian & Forest Acres Scholarship Foundation.

Section 1. Campership Award Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age on first day of camp (June 24, 2026): _____

Grade in school for current, 2025-2026 school year: _____

Name of School: _____

To which Camp is this child applying: Indian Acres _____ Forest Acres _____

Gender:

- What gender was the applicant assigned at birth? Male _____ Female _____
- With which gender does the applicant identify? Male _____ Female _____

i. If Other, please elaborate:

Is the Applicant applying for a Campership Award for the first time? Yes _____ No _____

How has the Campership Award Applicant spent the last three (3) summers?

What activities does the Campership Award Applicant do outside of school, during the school year?

What feedback has the Applicant's school given about the Applicant's conduct in school? Please discuss any positive feedback as well as any disciplinary issues over the past two (2) school years (through the present day).

Section 2. Sponsor Information

Please complete this section only if the application is being filled out by a Sponsor, rather than a parent or guardian. A Campership Award Applicant does NOT need to be nominated by a Sponsor. If no Sponsor is involved, Section 2 can be left blank.

A **Sponsor** is neither a Parent, nor a Guardian, but is an individual with a close connection to the Campership Award Applicant and who presents the Applicant to The Foundation for Campership Award consideration. The Sponsor is not responsible for the Campership Award Applicant(s) as it relates to financial matters or health issues that may arise during camp.

Is a Sponsor completing this application on behalf of the family? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please complete the requested information below:

Sponsor's Name: _____

Preferred Address: _____

Preferred Email: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Occupation, Position & Current Employer:

If a Sponsor is an IA/FA alumnus/alumna, please provide year(s) attended Indian Acres or Forest Acres:

Sponsor's relationship to the Campership Award Applicant(s) and/or the Applicant's family:

Section 3. Parent / Guardian Information

(A Sponsor may complete this section if the Campership Award Applicant's Parent or Guardian is unable to complete the application.)

A. Living Arrangements & Custody

Please explain who the Campership Award Applicant lives with, and if it is more than one household, please explain the current living/custody arrangements:

If custody of the Campership Award Applicant is shared, do all adults with authority to approve the Applicant's attendance at Camp support this Application?

B. Parent or Guardian – Primary Adult Contact

Is the Primary Adult Contact a Parent or a Guardian? _____

Name: _____

Preferred Address: _____

Preferred Email: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Current Occupation & Current Employer (if you are currently unemployed, please list your prior employer, your role, and dates of employment):

If you are an IA/FA alum, what years did you attend? _____

C. Parent or Guardian – Secondary Adult Contact

Is the Secondary Adult Contact a Parent or a Guardian? _____

Name: _____

Preferred Address: _____

Preferred Email: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Current Occupation & Current Employer (if you are currently unemployed, please list your prior employer, your role, and dates of employment):

If you are an IA/FA alum, what years did you attend? _____

D. If neither Parent/Guardian is an alumnus/alumna, please describe any connection to Indian Acres or Forest Acres. (No connection to Camp is necessary to apply for the Campership Scholarship.)

Section 4. Financial Information

Total Annual Parent(s)/Guardian Income, for all adults with full or partial custody of the Campership Award Applicant (*please check one*):

- _____ Under \$50,000
- _____ \$50,000 - \$100,000
- _____ \$100,000 - \$150,000
- _____ Over \$150,000

Please list the total number of children (and ages) dependent on this income:

Please list number of adults dependent on this income:

There are auxiliary expenses involved with attending camp, outside of tuition, which can range from \$500-\$1,000, depending on the child's age and activities, ***plus any necessary airfare***. Typical expenses include bus transportation to/from camp at the beginning and end of the summer, baggage shipping, medicine management fees, special unit trips (for older campers only), and a minimal amount of camp-logoed clothing. How much could the Campership Award Applicant(s)' family reasonably and responsibly contribute towards these expenses?

Are there other individuals, family, friends, organizations, or agencies who might provide funding for tuition and other camp expenses for Campership Award Applicant(s)? If so, please identify each and indicate approximately how much might be contributed? Please also identify if that contribution would be directed towards a particular camp-related expense (airfare, trips, etc.).

Please describe any and all circumstances making financial assistance necessary for a Campership Award Applicant(s). This statement should address financial burdens and challenges faced by the family, including a discussion of whether those burdens and challenges are short-term or long-term, and whether the family anticipates needing assistance in future years. The discussion should also include issues such as expenses paid by the family (including education expenses, medical expenses, etc.), outstanding loans and debts, and any concerns relating to unemployment, under-employment, or other financial challenges. Any supporting materials can be attached.

(Please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Please submit a signed copy of the Parents’ or Guardians’ most recent U.S. Income Tax Return(s) (Form 1040 or 1040A, only) as well as the most recent W-2 or any other official documentation reflecting wages or income not otherwise reflected on the Tax Return. All information will be kept confidential by The Foundation.

Please provide the following information or attach documentation reflecting the below information:

With regard to primary residence, please indicate whether the home is owned or rented and list monthly payments for either rent or mortgage. If owned, please identify the approximate value of the home. If the family lives in more than one residence, please provide information related to each.

Please identify any real property owned or in which there is a financial interest, including approximate value and all monthly payments for rent or mortgage.

Please identify any vehicles that are owned or leased, including any associated monthly payments.

If a Campership Award Applicant(s) or other children attend private school, please identify how much is paid annually in tuition. If scholarship funds are received or school is paid for by any other source, please explain in detail.

Please describe any other significant expenses in the last three (3) years, including but not limited to extracurricular activities or clubs, significant family trips, other summer activities for Campership Award Applicant(s) or other related dependents.

Section 5. Campership Award Applicant Expression of Interest

All Campership Award Applicants applying for an Indian & Forest Acres Scholarship Foundation Campership Award must submit an expression of interest that covers the following topics:

- Why they wish to attend Indian Acres or Forest Acres;
- What they hope to accomplish and learn from their time at camp;
- What kinds of activities interest them and why;
- How they feel about being away from home for seven weeks; and
- How they feel about living in a cabin with several other children, and two counselors.

This information can be submitted in any form that suits the Campership Award Applicant: video, collage with pictures explained, short essay, story, song, etc.

Please make sure the Campership Award Applicant has had an opportunity to learn about Camp through the Camp website, conversations with those affiliated with Camp, or in some other manner, so that they are able to respond to these prompts thoughtfully.

Section 6. Parent/Guardian Statement (required) and Sponsor Statement (as applicable)

The Parent/Guardian of Campership Award Applicant(s) applying for an Indian & Forest Acres Scholarship Foundation Campership Award must submit a statement detailing:

- Why the Applicant should have an opportunity to attend Indian Acres or Forest Acres;
- What you hope the Applicant will accomplish and learn from their time at camp;
- What experiences or qualities the Applicant has, or has had, that prepare them for seven weeks away at sleepaway camp;
- What parts of the Applicant's personality or demeanor make them a good fit for sleepaway camp; and
- Any special concerns or circumstances we should be aware of, including social, emotional or health issues, family or custody issues, or anything else that could impact the Applicant's ability to thrive at camp.

If for any reason the Parent/Guardian is unable to write the statement personally, the Sponsor or other adult may assist in preparing the thoughts of the Parent/Guardian. The statement does not have to be in English. The statement may be of any length.

If a Sponsor is presenting the Campership Award Applicant for a Campership Award, the Sponsor must ALSO provide a statement covering the same set of information listed above.

Section 7. References

Please submit two (2) references in support of the Campership Award Applicant. The references can be from anyone with direct, personal knowledge of the Applicant's personality, demeanor, and behavior.

If the Campership Award Applicant is being supported by a Sponsor (as discussed above, Section 2), the Sponsor may **not** be one of the two (2) references. The Sponsor must submit a separate statement.

References should be approximately one (1) typed page, though longer is fine. References should discuss at least the following topics, though additional information is welcome:

- The Applicant's personality, demeanor, behavior, and/or interests;
- Why the writer believes the Applicant should be awarded a Campership Award to attend Camp; and
- What makes the writer confident that the Applicant will thrive at a 7-week sleepaway camp.

Section 8. School Recommendation Form

Please have a teacher or counselor from the Campership Award Applicant's school complete the form located at [this link](#). The teacher or counselor completing the form should have direct knowledge of the Applicant's personality, demeanor, and behavior, based on the current 2025-2026 school year or the past 12 months.

This form will be submitted directly to The Foundation's Board and will not be collected by the Applicant directly.

If you have any difficulty accessing the link or providing it to the teacher or counselor, please contact us at applications@iafafoundation.org for support.

Section 9. Parent's Declaration of Complete and Truthful Information and Affirmation Regarding Responsibilities

I declare that all information reported on this application, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is correct, true, and complete. I have attached a copy of the most recent U.S. Income Tax Return (Form 1040 or 1040A) as well as the most recent W-2 or any other official documentation reflecting wages or income not otherwise reflected on the Tax Return. I understand that failure to provide any documents may result in a delay in processing this application, or an inability to do so.

I further affirm that if the Campership Award Applicant in this application is selected as a Campership Award recipient, I will timely fulfill all requirements to register the camper for the Summer of 2026 by the deadlines established by Indian Acres and Forest Acres. This will include but not be limited to the submission of any necessary forms (including medical forms) and on-line registration via the portal used by Indian Acres and Forest Acres.

In addition, I understand and affirm that the Campership Award may be denied or withdrawn if the Applicant or the Applicant's family fails to comply with all rules and regulations established for attendance at camp by either Indian and Forest Acres Camps or The Foundation. I acknowledge that failure to complete these requirements on time could result in withdrawal of the Campership Award.

I further affirm that the CAMPER/APPLICANT FAMILY IS IN GOOD STANDING FINANCIALLY WITH INDIAN & FOREST ACRES CAMPS. If money is owed to either Camp, please explain below in detail:

In addition, I acknowledge that The Indian & Forest Acres Scholarship Foundation reserves the right to withdraw Campership Award in the event that unforeseen circumstances are beyond its control and render it impractical for the recipient to attend Camp. (Circumstances could include travel limitations, public health-related events.) I also acknowledge that, due to associated costs, the Campership Award excludes horseback riding unless separate funds are arranged and approved by The Foundation and the Camps more

than one month before the first day of camp.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian (1)

Date

Signature of Parent/ Guardian (2)

Date

Section 10. Sponsor's Declaration of Complete and Truthful Information (If Applicable)

I declare that all information reported on this application, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is correct, true, and complete.

Signature of Sponsor (if applicable)

Date

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

___ Completed application

___ Family's most recent, signed Tax Return (Form 1040 or 1040A) and most recent, signed W-2 or any other official documentation reflecting wages or income not otherwise reflected on the Tax Return

___ Campership Award Applicant Expression of Interest

___ Parent/Guardian statement in support of Campership Award Applicant

___ Two (2) references

___ School recommendation form (submitted separately)

___ Signed parent declaration and affirmation

___ *Sponsor statement in support of Campership Award Applicant (if applicable)*

___ *Signed Sponsor declaration (if applicable)*

Questions? Please email applications@iafafoundation.org

Ready to submit your application?

Send the application and supporting documents may be submitted one of three ways (or in combination), with a preference for digital submission:

1. Submitted via our website: www.iafa-foundation.org
2. Emailed to applications@iafafoundation.org
3. Mail to Jo Golub, 851 Indian Rock Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707 - please postmark by February 1, 2026