



Wally Cummins Memorial Scholarships available for Binder Park Zoo Camp programs!

Binder Park Zoo is pleased to provide conservation education program scholarships to children who would not otherwise afford to pay a program fee. A scholarship fund was established in 1996 in memory of a well-respected and beloved volunteer, Wally Cummins. The Wally Cummins Memorial Scholarship relies on donations from individuals, organizations, and corporations to provide the means to participate in our education programs.

The Zoo offers a wide variety of educational programming for people of all ages from 18 months to adult. Scholarships are available for all our education programs based on available funds. However, we target awarding scholarships to those interested in attending our day camps, FAWN (18 mos. – 2 years), Nature Steps (3-4 year olds), Pee Wee Naturalist (3-4 year olds) Critter Camps (5-6 year olds), Discovery Camp (5-6 year olds), Safari Day Camp (7-12 year olds) and Jr. Zookeeper Camp (13-15 year olds).

Scholarships are provided primarily to social service agencies which distribute them to their customers. If you are already being served by such an agency, we recommend first checking with them. However, we do provide scholarships to individuals that are not served by an agency. These scholarships are provided to those who have genuine financial constraints.

Please review the attached guidelines to learn how to apply for a scholarship. A program guide has been included with program information, including fees. If you have any questions, feel free to call me anytime.

Sincerely,

Stacey Lawson
Chief Operating Officer
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Binder Park Zoo
Guidelines for Application
Wally Cummins Memorial Scholarship
(You may use this form or use a separate sheet if necessary)

1. In a letter addressed to the Wally Cummins Memorial Scholarship fund, please provide information about your financial situation. Do not indicate income or monetary outlays for bills. We are looking for information such as social services you may receive (food bank, FIA), employment situation, daily conveyances you live without (non-car ownership, live in subsidized housing), and other constraints on your finances due to factors out of your control (health and/or disabilities).
2. Include a letter of recommendation from a responsible person who knows of your financial need. Letters can come from a school counselor, landlord, minister, community leader, teacher, etc.
3. List the name of the program, the session numbers, and number of scholarships you are requesting. Many sessions may be filled, please list alternatives

Applications with cover letter are to be mailed to:
Binder Park Zoo
Attention: Wally Cummins Memorial Scholarship
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