

Topeka Zoo Camp Scholarship Application

Spring Camp Application Deadline: January 30th, 2022

Summer Camp Application Deadline: April 3rd, 2022

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 funding availability. Financial need and the narrative information in the application are considered to determine eligibility. Letters of recommendation are optional but would strengthen your application. Please answer essay questions in complete sentences.
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. Submission of this scholarship application **DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN A CAMP**. Popular weeks may fill before scholarships are awarded. We will notify you if a camp for which you have requested scholarship funding is full and will suggest available alternate weeks.
5. You are welcome to enroll in a camp if you are worried about it selling out before you hear back on your scholarship application. **If you receive a scholarship, we will refund you that scholarship amount.**
6. Partial scholarships may be awarded.
7. A maximum of three weeks of camp scholarship funding per child will be awarded. Please choose your weeks carefully.
8. Scholarship awards CANNOT be transferred to a different week of camp. Again, choose carefully!
9. Due to the competitiveness of scholarships, daily participation is expected.
10. If your child is awarded more than one week of camp and fails to attend the first week, subsequent weeks may be forfeited. Failure to attend camp after receiving a scholarship will affect your eligibility for future scholarships.
11. **APPLY EARLY!** So that you may plan your child's summer activities, awards will be announced by February 4th, 2022 for spring camp scholarships and April 8th, 2022 for summer camp scholarships.
12. Due to the volume of requests, **you may be required to pay a co-fee on camps**. In this instance, you will be contacted to make arrangements to pay the co-fee and complete the registration at the time of the award. Your child is not enrolled until any required co-fee is paid. A payment plan can be established; the camp fee must be paid at least one week before camp begins.
13. Youth camp runs from 9:00am-3:00pm Monday-Friday each camp week. Teen camp runs from 8:30am-3:30pm Monday-Friday each camp week. Please ensure these camp times work for you, as there are no early drop-off or stay-late options.

If you have any questions, please call our office before submitting your application. We are happy to assist you. Any questions may be directed to the Education Department at 785-368-9137 or Education@Topekazoo.org.

Information provided on this application is considered strictly confidential by the Topeka Zoo and Conservation Center. Applications will be reviewed anonymously by our Education Scholarship Fund Committee.

Please refer to the <https://topekazoo.org/education/camps/> page for more detailed information on zoo camp dates, times, themes, and details.

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Thank you for your interest in the Topeka Zoo's Camp Program. Please complete this application in its entirety.
Upon completion, submit your application in-person or via email to:

Topeka Zoo and Conservation Center
Attn: Education Department (Scholarship Application)
635 SW Gage Blvd
Topeka, KS 66606
Education@Topekazoo.org

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Applicant Information

Name: _____

Birthdate (m/d/y): _____ Current Grade in School (2021-2022 school year): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Name: _____

Please answer the following questions in full:

1. Have you ever received a Topeka Zoo Education Scholarship? If yes, when, for which activity, and how much?

2. How did you hear about the Topeka Zoo Camp Program? _____

3. Are you flexible on your camp dates for 2022?

Yes, I just want my child to attend at least one week of zoo spring break or summer camp.

No, I have specific dates I want my child to attend. If so, please check all dates your child can attend.

Youth camps for students ages 6-12 run all 8 weeks. Camp times are 9:00am-3:00pm Monday-Friday.

March 14-18, Land Before Time June 6-10, Nature Unleashed June 13-17, Once Upon a Time

June 20-24, Starstruck June 27-July 1, Jedi Training July 11-15, Top Chef

July 18-22, Fantastic Beasts July 25-29, Oh the Places You'll Go August 1-5, Justice League

Middle School Teen Camp is for students currently in 6th-8th grade for the 2021-2022 school year. (Type X)

Middle School Week 1, June 13-17 Middle School Week 2, June 20-24 Middle School Week 3, June 27-July 1

High School Teen Camp is for students currently in 9th-12th grade for the 2021-2022 school year. (Type X)

High School Week 1, July 11-15 High School Week 2, July 18-22 High School Week 3, July 25-29

4. How would your child benefit from being at Topeka Zoo summer camp? Does your child enjoy learning about animals? Are there particular types/groups of animals your child likes most? (For Middle/High School Teen Camp applicants, please have the students fill this out themselves). **Please answer in complete sentences.**

5. Scholarship opportunities are very competitive. Please tell us why your student should be selected for this opportunity. (For Middle/High School Teen Camp applicants, please have the students fill this out themselves.)

Please answer in complete sentences.

To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

1. Does your student qualify for financial assistance?

(Examples: participate in Free & Reduced lunch programs, government assisted programs, etc.)

Yes

No

2. Would your student still attend with a scholarship that provides 50% funding?

Yes

No

3. Does your student require aid with transportation to regularly participate?

Yes

No

4. Do you have any additional information you'd like us to know about your application?

5. **Optional:** Attach a letter of recommendation to this form to strengthen your application. Letters may be sent to education@topekazoo.org.

I have read and agree to the camp guidelines outlined on page 1 of this application.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____