

Troop 421 High Adventure Scholarship Fund, Bylaws

Article I. Purpose

Scouting provides significant character building opportunities that can remain out of reach for some families due to financial considerations. Without detracting from the important values of thriftiness and paying one's own way, **the Troop 421 High Adventure Scholarship Fund is established to promote participation in troop-sponsored High Adventure activities.**

Article II. Eligibility

Any family with one or more Scouts enrolled in Troop 421 of Arlington, Texas is eligible and encouraged to make use of the Scholarship Fund. The Fund is to be used to pay for major expenses such as fees, transportation, and training for the following and similar kinds of High Adventure troop-sponsored activities:

- High Adventure Camps - Philmont, Sea Base, Chisholm Trail Adventure, etc.
- Summer Camp
- Float trips – i.e. camping using gear carried in boats
- Backpacking
- Whitewater
- Caving
- Rock Climbing
- Deep Sea Fishing
- Cavalcades – i.e. camping using gear carried on horses
- Aviation
- Scuba and sailing
- Waterskiing and wakeboarding
- Skiing and snowboarding

The amount requested by a family for a particular activity shall be between \$50 and the known overall costs of the activity, inclusive. There is no "percentage of cost" requirement. Many troop activities are not applicable to this Fund, so applicability of this Scholarship Fund to each particular activity will be determined when necessary by Troop 421's Committee Chairperson, or the Charter Representative if the Chairperson is applying for the Scholarship. Applicant should also apply for assistance from other BSA parties if available, for example the summer camp being attended or high adventure base being attended. Approval from these other entities is not required, only that an attempt be made. Any "Scout Bucks" assigned to member should be used prior to scholarship funds.

Article III. Administration

The Scholarship Fund is established as a savings account at Chase Bank. The troop's Treasurer shall maintain records of deposits and withdrawals, make transfers, and distribute funds as directed by the Scholarship Committee.

Article IV. Applications

A family shall request scholarship funds by submitting an application form (see attachment) to

the Committee Chairperson. Applications shall be approved or rejected (with explanation) by the Scholarship Committee, signed by the Committee Chairperson, recorded by the Treasurer, then returned to the requesting family. Applications may be submitted as soon as an activity's projected costs are roughly known, and prior to deadline for activity's payment.

Article V. Scholarship Committee

The Committee Chairperson (or Charter Representative if the Chairperson is applying for the Scholarship) shall convene a Scholarship Committee consisting of the Chairperson, Charter Representative, Scoutmaster, Treasurer, and the Adult In Charge of the activity to discuss and approve or reject each application by majority vote. The family requesting the Scholarship shall not be on the Committee, and additional senior members of the Troop Committee shall be included as necessary to bring the Scholarship Committee up to 5 members, at least one of which shall be the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster.

Article VI. Service Opportunity Guide

Together with their completed application, the Treasurer shall provide a summary of troop-sponsored service opportunities (see attachment) to the requesting family as a reminder of ways to help the troop throughout the year.

Article VII. Contributions and Interest

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund will be solicited by the Treasurer and other adult volunteers from local businesses and individuals on an ongoing basis, in order to maintain and grow the Scholarship Fund. All earned interest will be re-invested in the Fund.

Article VIII. Amendment of Bylaws

Any changes to these bylaws must be approved by the Troop Committee and recorded by the Treasurer.

Adopted November _____, 2010

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Signatures:

Committee Chairperson

Charter Organization Representative

Scoutmaster

Treasurer