

**YMCA CAMP**

# **COSBY**

## **Financial Assistance Application Packet**

Each year, generous donors give anonymously to our Annual Campaign to support deserving children and their families with the opportunity to attend YMCA Camp Cosby.

Every application is reviewed individually and confidentially by our caring Scholarship Review Committee in order to determine the best use of funding and award amounts.

Anyone may apply! We're here to help! If you have any questions regarding our Financial Assistance programs or just want to find out if you can qualify, please contact us by phone (256)268-2007 or email us: [cosby@ymcabham.org](mailto:cosby@ymcabham.org).

## **Programs Available**

### **Financial Need:**

Anyone may apply for this program, regardless of financial need. Applications are reviewed and qualified based on household income, number of household members, family situation, amount requested, and financial documentation. We are here to help find a way to help any child attend camp, regardless of financial ability to pay. The YMCA of Greater Birmingham/YMCA Camp Cosby commits to maintaining confidentiality for those that who apply and receive support from our scholarship program. More details inside!

### **Foster Care Initiative:**

The Foster Care Initiative is a scholarship program designed specifically for families who have Foster/Foster-to-Adopt Children in their care. It provides a fully funded tuition scholarship for your foster/foster-to adopt campers to attend YMCA Camp Cosby. More details inside!

### **NEW!! Leadership Scholarship:**

Campers (Rising grades 4-11) who participate in school or community programs that require service hours, leadership training or who may desire to work at Camp Cosby as a counselor in the future are encouraged to participate in this scholarship program. All applications require an essay submission from the camper, along with the Financial Assistance application. More details inside!

**\*\*All Scholarships are awarded based the availability of YMCA funds raised. Special consideration is given to each application and program selected.**



## Leadership Scholarship Application

Please download and print all pages of this packet.

Please print clearly in dark ink.

Please be sure to provide Camper name(s)/Parent name on all forms submitted.

**IMPORTANT:** Incomplete applications will not be processed until all required documents are received.

Complete application packet should be submitted to: [cosby@ymcabham.org](mailto:cosby@ymcabham.org)

If you need to mail the application packet:

YMCA Camp Cosby  
Attn: Camp Registrar/Financial Assistance  
2290 Paul Bear Bryant Rd.  
Alpine, AL 35014

# LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

## General Qualifications:

1. Camper must be of appropriate camp age/grade to qualify (Rising Grades 4 - 11).
2. Campers who participate in school or community programs that require service hours, leadership training or who may desire to work at Camp Cosby as a counselor in the future are encouraged to participate in this scholarship program.
3. All required documentation must be submitted to be considered.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

### 1. Completed/signed Scholarship Application

2. **Essay written by camper** - Essay may be handwritten or typed. Video essays may be submitted, but written transcript is required if video essay is submitted.

- Campers Grades 4 - 6      **MAXIMUM** length up to 250 words required.
- Campers Grades 7- 11      **MINIMUM** 500 words required.

### Choose 1 of these topics:

1. How Camp Cosby has influenced (or will influence if new) your leadership skills and how you plan to use these skills both now and in the future?
2. What does it mean to be a great leader?
3. Name a great leader who has directly motivated you and instilled a desire to become a great leader?

3. **2 Letters of Recommendation** - 1 from Teacher (required), 1 from any adult (must not be related to applicant) (coach, youth minister, principal, another teacher, work supervisor, etc.) Forms available for download in this packet. (These may be submitted with application packet or person recommending may email them to [cosby@ymcabham.org](mailto:cosby@ymcabham.org) - please put Camper's Name/Leadership Scholarship in the Subject Line)
4. **Parent Letter/Short Essay (250 words or less)** providing a Parent's view of their camper as an emerging leader, how Camp Cosby's programs can benefit their child's development as a leader, and what it would mean for their camper to receive a Leadership Scholarship at Camp Cosby this year. Parent may use **Parent Essay** form for submission or send a typewritten letter/essay. Just be sure camper and parent name is provided.
5. **YMCA of Greater Birmingham Photo/Story Release Waiver:** Each year, we are asked for "impact stories" to connect our donors with stories of how Cosby has made a difference in the lives of our campers. If your camper's essay is selected to use in this manner, this waiver would be required. If you do not consent to have your camper's essay used, please mark the form accordingly. Your choice has no impact on your camper's selection for a Leadership scholarship.

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# YMCA Camp Cosby Scholarship Application

Please complete and return to [cosby@ymcabham.org](mailto:cosby@ymcabham.org) Please print clearly in black ink. If any portion of the application does not apply, please either leave it blank or put N/A. (Required for all programs)

**Program Selection: (Circle at least one)**

<b>Financial Need</b>	<b>Foster Care Initiative</b>	<b>Leadership Scholarship</b>
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Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #1 (cell/home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2 (cell/work): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_ Total # in Household: \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment Information:**

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ #Years \_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete if applicable:**

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ #Years: \_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_\_

Education Information: Are you currently enrolled in college/trade school/GED program? \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Status: Part time/Full time (circle one) Do you receive education financial assistance? \_\_\_\_

**Please enter the following information regarding the children in your household:**

<u>First/Last Name (s)</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School Name</u>	<u>Current Grade</u>
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Scholarship Applied for: Summer Camp/Winter Camp (circle one)

Preferred Session(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Registered for camp? \_\_\_\_\_

How much can you afford to pay per child toward Camp Cosby Programs? \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Parent Perspective Essay

Use this space for the Parent Perspective Essay (Leadership Scholarship) or use your own paper or form—either is acceptable, but please be sure camper name/parent name is provided.

**Please type or print clearly using dark ink.**

**Parent Name/Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Camper Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

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## PHOTO/STORY RELEASE

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I hereby (circle one) **consent/do NOT consent** to and authorize the use and reproduction of any and all photographs, video footage and testimonials taken of me/my family for YMCA promotional purposes. I understand I will receive no financial reimbursement for the use of these items.

Parents (printed) name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# YMCA CAMP COSBY

## Reference Form

This reference form is for applicants to use for the **YMCA Camp Cosby Leadership Scholarship**. Please submit **2 Reference forms** (1 from Teacher (required) and 1 from any adult ( must not be related to applicant) Examples: coach, youth minister, principal, another teacher, work supervisor, etc.

Please return to [cosby@ymcabham.org](mailto:cosby@ymcabham.org) or mail to: YMCA Camp Cosby

Attn: Camp Registrar/Leadership Scholarship  
2290 Paul Bear Bryant Rd.  
Alpine, AL 35014

Applicant may include reference forms with Application packet or Completed Reference forms may be sent directly to the

Applicant Full Name _____	Date of Birth _____	(MM/DD/YYYY)
Current Grade _____	Gender _____	Current GPA (if applicable) _____

First Name _____	Last Name _____	Occupation _____
Relationship to Camper (Applicant) _____		
How long have you known him/her? _____		Email Address: _____

Please provide your honest opinion of the camper’s leadership skills based on the following criteria by placing a

Qualities	Poor	Needs Improvement	Steady Growth	Beginning Mastery	Highly Skilled
Turns Assignments in as required					
Friendly and Kind to peers					
Respectful to others					
Takes initiative to lead/help others					
Takes risks, tries new things, etc.					
Overall Leadership Ability					

Please use the space below to tell us about your relationship with the applicant along with any special qualities he/she possesses as a leader. Use additional space on the back of this form if necessary.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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 How long have you known him/her? \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Please complete ONLY this information:

Parent Last Name/First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper Last Name/First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper Last Name/First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper Last Name/First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Program Selection: (Circle at least one)

Financial Need

Foster Care Initiative

Leadership Scholarship

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

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Branch: Camp Cosby

Date App Received for Review: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Packet Complete:    Yes            No

Documents Missing: \_\_\_\_\_

Date notified: \_\_\_\_\_ by Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved Level % \_\_\_\_\_ Program Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Award Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment plan \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Award Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Executive Director Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Award Email Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ by Initials: \_\_\_\_\_