

Taylor's Camp

Scholarship Application

Taylor Richards Scholarship Requirements

The Wenatchee River Bluegrass Festival Taylor Richards Scholarship was established in 2015 in memory of Taylor Richards. Taylor was killed in June 2010 while serving as a Marine Lance Corporal in Afghanistan. Taylor was a valued member of our bluegrass community and inspired the WRBF board of directors to establish an instructional youth camp to be held during the annual festival to nurture an appreciation of bluegrass in the next generation.

This renewable scholarship is available to individuals who have made a significant contribution to Taylor's camp for the period of at least two years prior to the application..

Scholarship applications are due JUNE 1, 2026. Scholarship awards are announced Saturday on June 20, 2026 at the Wenatchee River Bluegrass Festival. Amount and number of scholarships are dependent upon availability of funds and qualifications of applicants.

APPLICATIONS must meet the following criteria:

1. Play a significant role as an instructor or staff member during the year of application and the two years prior.*
2. Be accepted or enrolled in an accredited college, university, or technical program.
3. Applications during post graduate programs must be consecutive with undergraduate program and consecutive in service to Taylor's Camp.*
4. Complete a scholarship application form.
5. Answer the two essay questions.

ESSAY PROMPTS (please respond to both prompts):

1. In no more than 500 words, share your experiences as a Taylor's Camp participant. You may include reflections from your time as a camper, instructor, and/or staff member.
2. In no more than 500 words, share how your experiences with Taylor's Camp have influenced you as a person now as well as in the future.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION:

The application form and essays need to be submitted no later than JUNE 1, 2026. Application materials may be submitted in hard copy by mailing to the following PO box or in digital format by saving or scanning all materials to PDF file form and sending to the email address below. Please print and sign the application and ensure your name is on each page submitted.

Taylor's Camp Scholarship, WRBF, PO Box 484, Cashmere, WA 98815

or

taylorsyouthcamp@gmail.com

*Exceptions to the expectation of service years be consecutive may be granted if (1) the disruption of schedule is communicated in advance with the camp coordinator, (2) reason for missing a year is significant and unavoidable. In these cases, a decision will be made if it is best to pause for the year or assign other duties to provide an opportunity to still apply for the scholarship

(Example: An instructor for numerous years finds out their high school graduation ceremony is scheduled the same weekend as camp so they cannot attend. However, with early communication with the coordinator, a plan is created for the applicant to create training videos for junior instructors and work with them to learn the songs. In this scenario, the instructor may still apply for the scholarship even though they will miss the actual camp in June). Situations and available duties may vary. Early Communication is Vital!

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CURRENT STATUS OF APPLICANT	
I am a: ☐ High School Senior ☐ High School Graduate with Delayed College Entrance ☐ College Undergraduate ☐ College Post Graduate Student	
PERSONAL INFORMATION	
Your Name:	
Home Address:	
Personal Email:	
Phone Number:	
SCHOOL EXPERIENCE	
High School (or Equivalent):	Grad Year:
School Address:	Phone:
College, University, Trade School:	
Desired Degree:	Anticipated Grad Year:
TAYLOR'S CAMP EXPERIENCE	
Years Spent as a Camper (if applicable):	
Years Spent as an Instructor/Staff:	
Role(s) Held as an Instructor/Staff:	
Favorite Taylor's Camp Band Name:	
DIRECTIONS FOR DISBURSEMENT	
If awarded, scholarship funds will be sent directly to the Financial Aid Office or Registrar of the college, university, or trade school in which you are or will be enrolled. Please provide the following information:	
Name of College, University, or Trade School:	
Name of Financial Aid Director:	
Financial Aid Office Street Address:	
Special instructions (if any):	

I certify the above information is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant

Date