



IAJHSC Retired Camp Directors' Leadership Camp Scholarship

The IAJHSC has one of the only summer leadership camps in the nation available exclusively for middle level students. It is a wonderful opportunity for leadership training and personal growth. As an advisor you may know of a student who would benefit greatly from such an experience but lack the funds to make it possible.

The IAJHSC is pleased to continue to offer a scholarship to benefit leaders wishing to attend the annual Summer Leadership Camp. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist those students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend camp due to financial reasons.

The original scholarship was named the "Becky Prina Leadership Camp Scholarship" after our long-time leadership camp director, Becky "Beep" Prina who started the scholarship with its initial donation when she retired as camp director in 2006. When Dave Nenn retired from the director position in 2018, the board chose to honor him in the same way. In 2019, the IAJHSC Executive Board voted to make the scholarship a permanent budget item of \$2000 to ensure a continued way to honor the service of these two amazing leaders by helping as many students attend camp as possible. We have also had donors give to our scholarship fund so there are multiple scholarships available.

If you are an IAJHSC member advisor and have a student in your school who you believe would benefit from an opportunity to attend leadership camp, but would be unable to attend due to financial need, this scholarship can provide that opportunity. **Please note that the advisor is responsible for writing a letter acknowledging with examples the student's qualities for candidacy and verification of the financial need of the applicant.** There is also a form that needs a signature from the student, the parent, the principal, and the advisor. Any member school is eligible to make use of the scholarship which pays toward the student's camp fee. Student families or schools would still be responsible for at least part of the payment toward camp. Preference is given to first-year campers and the student must be at least a sixth grade student at the time of application.

The application must be completed and submitted to Camp Director Leanne Rohn either emailed or postmarked by April 15, 2026.

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Scholarship Purpose and Application Instructions

- a. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide an opportunity for a student to attend the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp who would not otherwise have the opportunity due to financial need.
- b. Preference is given to first-year campers.
- c. The applicant must be at least a sixth grade student at the time of application.
- d. All sections of the application must be completed and submitted to the Camp Director either by email or postmarked by April 15, 2026.
- e. The scholarship amount will be determined based on what the delegate's family thinks they can contribute. The maximum amount is \$450 and delegates would be responsible for the remaining \$50.
- f. **If granted, this scholarship is not transferable and must be fully reimbursed to the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp, by the student's school, in the event the student does not attend or complete the camp program.**

Application Requirements

1. The student must answer two of the six applicant questions and submit them with the completed application.
2. The student's Student Council Advisor must complete the statements of recommendation and verification of need to be submitted with the application.
3. The student's school principal must sign the application on the provided line.

Submitting the Application

The completed application, including all supportive documents as described on page 4, must be submitted in a single envelope postmarked by April 15, 2026 to:

Leanne Rohn
Leadership Camp Director
1215 E. Oakland Ave.
Bloomington, IL 61701

Application

Student Name _____ Grade Level _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

School Phone Number (____) _____

IAJHSC District _____

Student Council Advisor Name(s) _____

Advisor Phone Number (____) _____

Advisor Email _____

Has the applicant attended the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp in the past? ____ Yes

____ No

Applicant's Hobbies and Interests:

If selected, for what student council position would the applicant like to be trained? Check one:

____ President

____ Vice President

____ Secretary

____ Treasurer

____ Committee Chairperson

____ Representative

Student Intent

If selected for the Retired Camp Directors' Scholarship, I agree to attend and participate in the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp program on June 21-27, 2026.

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Support Agreement

If selected for the Retired Camp Directors' Scholarship I agree to make arrangements for payment of the registration fee, provide transportation to and from camp, and otherwise support my child in fulfilling his/her agreement to attend the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp.

Our family would be able to contribute _____ toward the \$500 camp registration fee.

Parent Signature _____

Principal Signature

Student Council Advisor Requirements

1. Write a letter of recommendation acknowledging with examples the student's qualities for candidacy and verification of the financial need of the applicant.
2. Sign and date the statement below.

If granted, I understand that this scholarship is not transferable and must be fully reimbursed to the IAJHSC Summer Leadership Camp, by the student's school, in the event the student does not attend or complete the camp program.

Advisor's Signature _____ Date _____

Student Requirement

Instructions:

1. Choose two of the six questions and write an answer of 100 words or less on a separate sheet of paper. The use of AI for answering questions will negate the application.
2. The question to be answered must be stated prior to each answer or incorporated as part of the response.
3. Submit your responses with your application.

Questions (*Choose two of the six questions*)

1. What makes you a good candidate for this scholarship?
2. What does Student Council mean or represent to you?
3. What personal benefits do you expect to gain from your camp attendance? How will your Student Council benefit from your camp attendance? How will other campers benefit from your camp attendance?
4. What do you think are the responsibilities of a leader in his/her school and community?
5. Tell how you have demonstrated leadership responsibilities in your school or community.
6. Describe your past experiences that are related to Student Council.