



Summer 2025

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thanks to generous gifts from donors such as Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital, the Nancy Galvin Education Scholarship Fund, First Bank, Inc., the Kwame Family Foundation and Judith Griffin, the Saint Louis Zoo is pleased to announce scholarship opportunities for our educational summer camp programs. These donors provide financial assistance for under-resourced students to attend one week of camp: Camp Joey, Camp KangaZoo, Teen Camp or Specialty Camp. Full scholarships are available for children who are interested in learning about the animal world, but could not otherwise attend our camp programs due to financial limitations.

Financial Aid Scholarships are available for our Camp programs (funding is available to provide lunch to scholarship recipients):

- Camp KangaZoo is four days and one evening (or mini-week is three days and one evening) for youth entering 2nd – 6th grade. Funding is available to provide aftercare to scholarship recipients.
- Teen Camp is four days and one overnight for youth entering 7th – 9th grade. Funding is available to provide aftercare to scholarship recipients.
- Specialty Camps (various topics) is four days for youth entering 4th-12th grades. Funding is available to provide aftercare to scholarship recipients.
- Camp Joey is five days (or mini-week is four days) for youth at least 5 years through youth entering 1st. Aftercare is **not** available for Camp Joey.

Scholarships for all camps will be awarded based on interest and financial need as determined by an application and recommendation form.

To apply for a Camp Scholarship:

1. Apply online or complete the following Camp Scholarship Application:
 - a. Head of Household Information Form (1 per household - 3 pages)
 - b. Child Information Form (1 for each child - 4 pages). Your child's essay on page 4 is a very important part of the application, and will be used to help in selection, especially if applying to Teen Camp. Please share this with your child.
2. Ask a community leader to complete the [recommendation form](#), and either email directly to campoffice@stlzoo.org or place it in a sealed envelope, sign it across the seal, and return it to you. Do not open the recommendation. This person could be a teacher, school principal, social service worker, religious leader, neighbor, or other adult who knows your child and your financial situation. Only one completed recommendation form for each child is required, however additional recommendations are welcome. *Recommendations from relatives will not be accepted.*
3. Send your completed application forms **and** the sealed recommendation form (unless it was sent to us directly) to the address on the application form. The application and recommendation form must be **received by April 15**.

If accepted for a full scholarship, you will receive a confirmation packet by e-mail. If you have any questions contact the Camp Office at campoffice@stlzoo.org OR (314) 646-4658.

Sincerely,

Bridget Ebert
Manager of Youth Programs

Send this Completed Application Forms and Recommendation Form by <u>April 15</u> to:	Camp Scholarship Application Saint Louis Zoo Education Department One Government Drive Saint Louis, MO 63110
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STEP H1: HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Head or Household / Parent or Guardian's Name:

Street Address: Check here if new address

City: State: Zip+4:

Phone Numbers: Home () Work () Cell ()

E-mail Address:

Your e-mail address may be used to send you information about your Saint Louis Zoo education program. Please check here if you would also like to receive e-mail updates, news and information about other Zoo opportunities. We will not sell, trade, or exchange your e-mail address with any third parties.

STEP H2: HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Are you a single parent/guardian? yes no

How many people are in your household (including yourself and any/all children)?

Please Explain:

List of Children Applying For A Financial Aid Scholarship

- Please list each child applying for a scholarship
- Complete a **Child Information form** for each of these children.

CHILD'S LEGAL NAME	BIRTH DATE	GRADE (Fall 2025)	Office Use Only	
			C-App	R-Ltr
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

STEP H3: HOW DID YOU LEARN OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY?

Organizations: <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Children & Family Services <input type="checkbox"/> L.E.A.D. Promising Youth <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Midtown Community Services <input type="checkbox"/> Blueprint4Summer STL <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Strategies <input type="checkbox"/> Bringing Families Together <input type="checkbox"/> Vitendo4Africa <input type="checkbox"/> East Saint Louis Housing Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Nursery <input type="checkbox"/> Other organization(s):	Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Friend or family member <input type="checkbox"/> Summer opportunities/camp fair <input type="checkbox"/> Zoo employee or volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Zoo website <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Comments:
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STEP H4: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please indicate your approximate family income per year:

- \$0-\$9,999
- \$10,000-\$14,999
- \$15,000-\$19,999
- \$20,000-\$24,999
- \$25,000-\$29,999
- \$30,000-\$34,999
- \$35,000-\$39,999
- \$40,000-\$44,999
- \$45,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$54,999
- \$55,000-\$59,999
- \$60,000-\$64,999
- \$65,000-\$69,999
- \$70,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$79,999
- \$80,000-\$84,999
- \$85,000-\$89,999
- \$90,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$149,999
- \$150,000 or higher

I prefer not to say, and **will provide detailed information about my circumstances at the bottom of this page.**

 What assistance do you or any members of your household receive?
Please check all that apply:

- My family does not receive any assistance.
- Assistance from religious organization (church, mosque, temple, etc.)
- Daycare assistance/Subsidized daycare/Head Start
- Disability benefits
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Energy assistance/Heating assistance
- Food stamps/EBT/Food bank/WIC/Meals on wheels
- Foster care/Adoption subsidy
- Free or reduced school lunch
- Housing assistance/Section 8/Rental assistance/Public housing
- Medicaid/Medicare/Prescription drug assistance/CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program)
- Recreation Council voucher/Easter Seals
- Social security
- TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Tuition assistance (for child and/or parent/guardians)
- Unemployment benefits
- Veterans benefits
- Weatherization assistance
- Other (please specify):

 Are you financially able to send your children to Camp without a scholarship? yes no

Please Explain. Attach additional pages if necessary.

STEP H5: CAMP SCHEDULES AND REQUIREMENTS
Scholarship recipients must be able and willing to:

- Attend each day and participate in Camp activities
- Attend the evening program (Camp KangaZoo only)
- Provide transportation for the following times:
- Attend the overnight (Teen Camp only)
- Follow the Camp behavior guidelines

Camp Joey (age 5 – entering 1st) – KangaCare not available
FULL Day (M-Fr)

Daily Drop-off 8:30 a.m.
Daily Pick-up 3 p.m.

Mini Week (M,Tu,W,F) – June 16 week

Daily Drop-off 8:30 a.m.
Daily Pick-up 3 p.m.

Camp KangaZoo (entering 2nd-6th grades)

M-Th Daily Drop-off 8:30 a.m.

M-Th Daily Pick-up 3 p.m.

Th Evening – Drop-off 6 p.m.
Th Pick-up at 10 p.m.

OR if registered in KangaCare PM Aftercare -
Pick-up between 4-6 p.m. (M-W) and No pick-up
required on Th afternoon, children may stay until
the evening program

Camp KangaZoo June 16 Mini-Week (entering 2nd-6th grades)

M,Tu,Th Daily Drop-off 8:30 a.m.

M,Tu,W Daily Pick-up 3 p.m.

Wed Evening – Drop-off 6 p.m.
Wed Pick-up at 10 p.m.

OR if registered in KangaCare PM Aftercare -
Pick-up between 4-6 p.m. (M,Tu) and No pick-up
required on Wed afternoon, children may stay
until the evening program

Teen Camp (entering 7th-9th grades)

M-Th Daily Drop-off 8:30 a.m.

M-Th Daily Pick-up 3 p.m.

Th Overnight – Drop-off 6:30 p.m.
Fri morning Pick-up at 8:30 a.m.

OR if registered in KangaCare PM Aftercare -
Pick-up between 4-6 p.m. (M-W) and No pick-up
required on Th afternoon, children may stay until
the overnight

Specialty Camps (various topics/grades, see Step C9 for details)

M-Th Daily Drop-off 9 a.m.

M-Th Daily Pick-up 3:30 p.m.

NO Evening Program
NO Overnight

OR if registered in KangaCare PM Aftercare -
Pick-up between 4-6 p.m.

Will you and your children be able to meet the above requirements? yes no

Please Explain. Attach additional pages if necessary.

CHILD INFORMATION FORM (Please complete a separate form for each child)
STEP C1: CHILD'S INFORMATION – REQUIRED

Legal First and Last Name:	Birth Date:	Grade Level (Fall 2025):
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Relationship to the Head of Household listed (grandson, daughter, son, etc.):

INCLUSION SERVICES – RESPONSE REQUIRED

We know that children of all abilities benefit when they play and learn together, and it is our goal that whenever possible they do so in our conservation education programs. We invite requests for support from our participants.

Choose "YES" if you would like to complete a form about potential accommodations, supports, or strategies that may help your child have a more successful program experience. These could be medical/physical, socio-emotional, or learning needs. Accommodation examples might be: sensory tools, visual schedules, specific language cues, etc. Form will be e-mailed in May.

Please see our [Inclusion Resources](#) for more details.

Please contact me prior to camp to discuss my camper's unique circumstances: yes no

STEP C2: PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION – REQUIRED

Please enter the information for the individual who has permanent legal guardianship for the participant, as it relates to health and legal decisions (can list "same" if it is the same information as the Head of Household).

Parent or Legal Guardian's Name:

e-mail address:

Cell phone: ()

For this participant, a parent/legal guardian must sign the following Agreements and the Terms & Conditions

STEP C3: CAMPDOC PARENT PORTAL

The Parent/Legal Guardian listed above will be required to complete all health information, forms and trusted contacts in the CampDoc Parent Portal. A link will be sent three weeks prior to the Camp start date and will be sent to the person listed as the Parent/Legal Guardian.

I understand the parent/guardian listed will be required to complete camper info on the CampDoc portal.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

STEP C4: MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY AGREEMENT

View the Saint Louis Zoo [Medication Administration Policy](#) on our website.

If my child will be taking medication during camp, I acknowledge I have read and agree to the terms outlined in the Medication Administration Policy.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

STEP C5: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Claims Release I on behalf of myself and my family, recognize and acknowledge the risk existing as participant(s) in a Saint Louis Zoo program or activity. I have read all the COVID-19 guidelines and agree that myself and all of my family members are in compliance. I fully and unconditionally release the Saint Louis Zoo, all associates and/or assigns from any and all claims for personal injury and/or property damage. I voluntarily declare this release to be my full acknowledgement to relinquish all rights for any and all injury and/or property damage resulting from participation in Zoo programs or activities. Photos taken by the Saint Louis Zoo staff during any program or activity are property of the Zoo and may be used for public relations purposes related to the Zoo.

The following applies for In-Person Programs: Although safety precautions as to your visit are taken by the Saint Louis Zoo, every visitor/program participant is responsible for his or her personal safety and that of children or others under their supervision. In consideration of access to the Zoo, visitors/program participants:

- (a) agree to comply with Zoo policies and instructions, including those on signage
- (b) understand and agree that the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has recently infected individuals in the St. Louis area, that it is contagious and that it can spread to persons in any number of ways
- (c) agree that they assume responsibility for any injury (including personal injury, disability or death), illness, damage, loss claim, liability, or expense arising out of or related to COVID-19 experienced or contracted in connection with a Zoo visit/program
- (d) that they waive and release all claims against the Zoo and its commissioners, officers, employees, volunteers and agents relative to the foregoing matters and
- (e) that they agree that the Zoo is legally entitled to sovereign immunity regarding to any such claims.

Medical Consent In case of emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to reach me, followed by the emergency contact. In the event that neither I, nor my emergency contact can be reached, I give my consent for my child to be taken to the nearest appropriate hospital for immediate care.

Licensing Status The Saint Louis Zoo takes great pride in its Camp tradition. Zoo Camp programs are designed using best practices in environmental education, to be developmentally appropriate and fun, and are led by trained educators. These camps are however, not a part of a school program and therefore not licensed by the state department of elementary and secondary education.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

STEP C6: TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN – REQUIRED

 Has this child previously received a Saint Louis Zoo Camp Scholarship?
 yes
 no

 Has this child previously attended a Camp Program (Joey, KangaZoo, Teen, or Specialty)?
 yes
 no

Please explain how this child would benefit from attending our Camp program. Attach additional pages if necessary.

STEP C7: CHOOSE YOUR SHIRT SIZE – REQUIRED

- Please select the participant's shirt size.
- Camp Joey shirts are available in youth sizes only.

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- Youth X-Small (2-4) (Camp Joey Only)
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- Youth Small (6-8)
-
-
- Youth Medium (10-12)
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-
- Youth Large (14-16)

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- Adult Small
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- Adult Medium
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- Adult Large
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- Adult X-Large
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- Adult XX-Large

STEP C8: CHOOSE YOUR LUNCH – RESPONSE REQUIRED

Please note: for the safety of other campers, we have replaced Peanut Butter with Sunflower Butter.

We are able to offer lunch to scholarship participants on each day that the camp occurs. Lunch will be a sandwich, fruit, snack mix, and beverage. Please indicate your child's sandwich choice below **or select "NO LUNCH" if you will be sending lunch from home.**

MONDAY

-
- Cheese
-
-
- Sunflower Butter & Jelly
-
-
- Turkey
-
-
- Turkey & Cheese
-
-
- NO ZOO LUNCH, will bring from home

TUESDAY

-
- Cheese
-
-
- Sunflower Butter & Jelly
-
-
- Turkey
-
-
- Turkey & Cheese
-
-
- NO ZOO LUNCH, will bring from home

WEDNESDAY

-
- Cheese
-
-
- Sunflower Butter & Jelly
-
-
- Turkey
-
-
- Turkey & Cheese
-
-
- NO ZOO LUNCH, will bring from home

THURSDAY
(not provided for Mini-week)

-
- Cheese
-
-
- Sunflower Butter & Jelly
-
-
- Turkey
-
-
- Turkey & Cheese
-
-
- NO ZOO LUNCH, will bring from home

FRIDAY
(Camp Joey only)

-
- Cheese
-
-
- Sunflower Butter & Jelly
-
-
- Turkey
-
-
- Turkey & Cheese
-
-
- NO ZOO LUNCH, will bring from home

STEP C9: INDICATE YOUR CHILD'S CAMP AVAILABILITY – REQUIRED

Camp Joey Schedule	For students age 5 years through entering 1 st who can use the restroom independently FULL DAY M-Fr (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) MINI-WEEK Jun 16 Week only: M,Tu,W,F (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.)
Camp KangaZoo Schedule	For students entering 2 nd -6 th grades M-Th (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) and Th Evening (6-10 p.m.) MINI-WEEK Jun 16 Week only: M,Tu,W (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) and W Evening (6-10 p.m.)
Teen Camp Schedule	For students entering 7 th -9 th grades M-Th (8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) and Th Overnight (6:30 p.m.-Fr 8:30 a.m.)
Specialty Camp Schedule	(various topics/grades) M-Th (9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) and NO Overnight/NO Evening

*PLEASE NOTE: If awarded a scholarship, Applicant will only be registered for **one** Camp week.
You will be notified in May of your application status.*

Indicate in order of preference: In the spaces below, check ("X" or "✓") all weeks your child is available to attend OR number in order of preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc). **If the child is unavailable, leave that week blank.**

Week of	Jun 2	Jun 9	Jun 16	Jun 23	Jun 30	Jul 7	Jul 14	Jul 21	Jul 28	Aug 4
Camp Joey Age 5 years – entering 1 st			Mini-Week							
Camp KangaZoo Entering 2 nd -6 th grades			Mini-Week							
Teen Camp Entering 7 th -9 th grades										
Specialty Camps (various topics) – Week of	Jun 2	Jun 9	Jun 16	Jun 23	Jun 30	Jul 7	Jul 14	Jul 21	Jul 28	Aug 4
Powerful Predators* Entering 4 th -5 th										
Amazing Animals Around the World Entering 4 th -5 th										
STEAMZ Entering 5 th -6 th										
Junior Marine Biologist* Entering 6 th -7 th										
Senior Marine Biologist* Entering 7 th -9 th <small>Required: Previous attendance in Junior Marine Biologist</small>										
Conservation Careers Entering 9-12 th										

* SCIENCE SAFETY CONTRACT for ALL Specialty Camps								SIGNATURE REQUIRED		
View the Saint Louis Zoo Science Safety Contract on our website at stlzoo.org/ssc								My child and I have read, understand and agree to abide by the safety guidelines outlined in the Saint Louis Zoo Science Safety Contract.		
								↓ ↓ ↓ _____ Parent/Legal Guardian Signature		

INDICATE YOUR CHILD'S EXTENDED CARE NEEDS – NOT Available for Camp Joey

KangaCare PM Options Entering 2 nd -12 th grades NOT Available for Camp Joey	No charge if awarded \$85 / Child to add this option if not awarded financial aid	Teen Camp – Care until 6 p.m. M-W, and during time after Camp until Th overnight at 6:30 p.m. Camp KangaZoo – Care until 6 p.m. M-Th Specialty Camps – Care until 6 p.m. M-Th (NO KangaCare PM available for 6/2 and 6/30 week)								
For each week, indicate your need for KangaCare PM:	Jun 2	Jun 9	Jun 16 M,Tu,Th Mini Week	Jun 23	Jun 30	Jul 7	Jul 14	Jul 21	Jul 28	Aug 4
NEED this, my child can NOT attend Camp without this option		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WOULD LIKE this, however my child COULD attend Camp without this option		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DO NOT NEED this option		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



STEP C10: TO BE COMPLETED BY CHILD (with help from the parent/guardian if necessary).

Use the space below to tell us *in your own words* why you would like to attend our Camp program. You can write and/or draw. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Child's Name / Signature _____ Date _____