



Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thanks to generous gifts from donors such as Bunge, First Bank, Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital, Purina, the Nancy Galvin Education Scholarship Fund, the Kwame Family Foundation, Michael and Joyce Bytnar and Grace Warshaw, the Saint Louis Zoo is pleased to announce scholarship opportunities for our educational summer camp programs for 2026. These donors provide financial assistance for under-resourced students to attend one week of camp: Camp Joey, Camp KangaZoo, Teen Camp, Specialty Camp or WildCare Park 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 of Joey, KangaZoo, Teen or Specialty Camps. Camp programs offered:

- Camp KangaZoo is four 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 – 8th 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.
- WildCare Park Camp is five days for youth entering 9th – 10th grade. Aftercare is **not** available for WildCare Park Camp. **No** lunch will be provided.

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 1**.

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 April 1 to:

Camp Scholarship Application
Saint Louis Zoo Education Department
One Government Drive
Saint Louis, MO 63110

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 2026)	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"/>
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STEP H3: HOW DID YOU LEARN OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY?

Organizations:

- ☐ Dept. of Children & Family Services

☐ School

☐ Blueprint4Summer STL

☐ Bringing Families Together

☐ East Saint Louis Housing Authority

☐ Other organization(s):

☐ L.E.A.D. Promising Youth

☐ Midtown Community Services

☐ Urban Strategies

☐ Vitendo4Africa

☐ Crisis Nursery

Other:

- ☐ Friend or family member
- ☐ Summer opportunities/camp fair
- ☐ Zoo employee or volunteer
- ☐ Zoo website
- ☐ Other/Comments:

STEP H4: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please indicate your approximate family income per year:

- ☐ \$0-\$9,999
- ☐ \$10,000-\$19,999
- ☐ \$20,000-\$29,999
- ☐ \$30,000-\$39,999
- ☐ \$40,000-\$49,999
- ☐ \$50,000-\$59,999
- ☐ \$60,000-\$69,999
- ☐ \$70,000-\$79,999
- ☐ \$80,000-\$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

	DAILY DROP-OFF	DAILY PICK-UP	EVENING/OVERNIGHT
Camp Joey (age 5 – entering 1 st) Location: Forest Park, Saint Louis, MO	M-F 8:30 a.m.	M-F 3 p.m. (KangaCare not available)	NO Evening Program NO Overnight
Camp Joey June 15 Mini-Week (age 5 – entering 1 st) Location: Forest Park, Saint Louis, MO	M-Th 8:30 a.m.	M-Th 3 p.m. (KangaCare not available)	NO Evening Program NO Overnight
Camp KangaZoo (entering 2 nd -6 th grades) Location: Forest Park, Saint Louis, MO	M-Th 8:30 a.m.	M-Th 3 p.m. OR if registered in <u>KangaCare PM Aftercare</u> - Pick-up between 4-6 p.m. (M-W) and No pick-up required on Th afternoon, children may stay until the evening program	Th Evening: • Drop-off 6 p.m. • Pick-up at 10 p.m.
Specialty Camps (various topics for grades 4 th -8 th , see Step C9 for details) Location: Forest Park, Saint Louis, MO	M-Th 9 a.m.	M-Th 3:30 p.m. OR if registered in <u>KangaCare PM Aftercare</u> - Pick-up between 4-6 p.m.	NO Evening Program NO Overnight
Teen Camp (entering 7 th -9 th grades) Location: Forest Park, Saint Louis, MO	M-Th 8:30 a.m.	M-Th 3 p.m. OR if registered in <u>KangaCare PM Aftercare</u> - Pick-up between 4-6 p.m. (M-W) and No pick-up required on Th afternoon, children may stay until the overnight	Th Overnight: • Drop-off 6:30 p.m. Fri morning: • Pick-up at 8:30 a.m.
WildCare Park STEAM Camp (entering 9 th -10 th grades) Location: WildCare Park, Spanish Lake, MO	M-F 8:30 a.m.	M-F 3 p.m. (KangaCare not available)	NO Evening Program NO Overnight

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

Please Explain. Attach additional pages if necessary.

STEP H6: SAINT LOUIS ZOO POLICY FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14 YRS
SIGNATURE REQUIRED

- There is NO early drop off for any Camp Programs.
- Children under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- The Zoo is not responsible for campers until they are checked in by **authorized Camp staff** per Zoo safety procedures.

- If my child is 14 years old or older, AND if I give them permission to check themselves in/out of Camp, they must be listed as a Trusted Contact for themselves in CampDoc. The Zoo assumes no responsibility for the camper once Camp has ended and the camper has checked themselves out after Camp. Campers listed as Trusted Contacts will be not be allowed to leave camp early.

**I understand all
of the Policy
Requirements
for Children
Under 14 yrs**

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

**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 2026):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 in the [Camp FAQs document](#) 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**SIGNATURE REQUIRED**

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 TWO WEEKS prior to Camp Start.

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature**STEP C4: MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY AGREEMENT****SIGNATURE REQUIRED**

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.

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature**STEP C5: TERMS AND CONDITIONS****SIGNATURE REQUIRED**

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.

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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.

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

- ☐ Adult Small
- ☐ Adult Medium
- ☐ Adult Large
- ☐ Adult X-Large
- ☐ 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.

Please note: We are unable to provide lunch for WildCare Park Camp. All WildCare Park campers will need to bring their lunch daily.

We are able to offer lunch to scholarship participants on each day that Camp (Joey, KangaZoo, Teen or Specialty) 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 choose to send lunch from home and/or if you are applying for WildCare Park Camp.**

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

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

FRIDAY

(Camp Joey only, not provided for Mini-week)

- ☐ 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

Location: Forest Park, Saint Louis, MO

 For students age 5 years through entering 1st who can use the restroom independently
M-Fr (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.)
MINI-WEEK Jun 15 Week only: M-Th (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.)

Camp KangaZoo Schedule

Location: Forest Park, Saint Louis, MO

 For students entering 2nd-6th grades
M-Th (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) and Th Evening (6-10 p.m.)

Teen Camp Schedule

Location: Forest Park, Saint Louis, MO

 For students entering 7th-9th 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

Location: Forest Park, Saint Louis, MO

 (various topics/grades)
M-Th (9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) and NO Overnight/NO Evening

WildCare Park STEAM Camp

Location: WildCare Park, Spanish Lake, MO

 For students entering 9th-10th grades
M-Fr (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.)

*PLEASE NOTE: If awarded a scholarship, Applicant will only be registered for **ONE** Camp week.
You will be notified in April 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 1	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 22	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3
Camp Joey Age 5 years – entering 1 st NO PM/Extended Care available			Mini-Week							
Camp KangaZoo Entering 2 nd -6 th grades										
Teen Camp Entering 7 th -9 th grades										
WildCare Park Camp* Entering 9 th -10 th grades NO PM/Extended Care available										
Specialty Camps (various topics) – Week of	Jun 1	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 22	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3
Amazing Animals Around the World* Entering 4 th -5 th										
Powerful Predators* Entering 5 th -6 th										
STEAMZ* Entering 6 th -7 th	(NO PM Avail)									
Streams to Seas* Entering 7 th -8 th										

*** SCIENCE SAFETY CONTRACT**
REQUIRED for ALL Specialty Camps and WildCare Park Camp
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, WildCare Park
KangaCare PM Options

 Entering 2nd-9th grades
**NOT Available for Camp Joey
nor WildCare Park Camp**

 No charge if awarded financial aid OR
\$90 / 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 6/1 week)

For each week, indicate your need for KangaCare PM:

NEED this, my child can NOT attend Camp without this option

WOULD LIKE this, however my child COULD attend Camp without this option

DO NOT NEED this option

Jun 1	Jun 8	Jun 15	Jun 22	Jun 29	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20	Jul 27	Aug 3
	<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"/>	<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"/>	<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 _____