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INLAND NORTHWEST COUNCIL

Inland Northwest Council (INWC) Membership Assistance Fund.

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Greetings to our Inland Northwest Council Family,

INWC wants to ensure no Scout is left behind, yet no single entity can resolve these financial challenges alone. Parents, unit leadership and chartering organization partners, along with council volunteer leadership and staff, need to be actively involved in solving issues at the lowest level possible. The steps below will ensure there is sufficient help for those who need it.

How much can the family reasonably afford? Every family will have different circumstances, and no one should assume which families will need assistance. Unit leaders must engage families to determine what their needs are and give them the opportunity to pay all or some of their way first.

When a family needs help the unit is encouraged to cover all or part of the need, if possible. Consider allowing families to make incremental payments or earn their way through upcoming fundraising opportunities. Needs that cannot be met should be elevated to the Chartered Organization.

When engaging the Chartering Organization explain what the family and unit can provide and what financial help is still needed. Encourage your Chartering Organization to discuss the issue with their decision-making body.

If additional financial support is still needed, please complete the attached request form. The council is committed to ensuring all youth can experience the character-building benefits of Scouting regardless of their financial situation.

The point of contact is Scout Executive, Anthony Escobar. Anthony be reached at anthony.escobar@scouting.org or by calling the Council Service Center at (509) 325-4562.

Yours in Scouting,

Anthony Escobar
Scout Executive/CEO

Inland Northwest Council Membership Assistance Fund Request

This form must be completed and submitted by Unit Leadership. Keep in mind that asking for help is never easy for most people. Applications must be kept as confidential as possible only sharing information with those who have a "need to know." The preferred submittal method is answering the questions below and sending the form to inland.northwest@scouting.org. This form can also be mailed to or turned in to the Council Service Center at 411 W. Boy Scout Way, Spokane, WA 99201.

Date of Request:

Unit type and number (i.e., Troop 1111)

Person Making the Request:

Person's position in the unit:

Email Address:

Phone or Cell Number:

Name of Scout(s) needing assistance:

A brief description of the family, their Scouting involvement, and their circumstances (Tell their story):

Number of youths in the family:

Number of youths in Scouting:

Describe the fundraisers or efforts the family has been involved in to cover registration fees (if none explain why):

Total amount of fees for the family before any assistance:

Amount the family can pay (if none explain the circumstances):

Amount the unit can support (if none please explain the circumstances):

Amount the Chartering Organization can contribute (if none explain):

Chartering Organization point of contact, email, and phone number:

Total amount requested from the Membership Assistance Fund:

Approval (Office Use Only):

District Executive

Development Assistant

Scout Executive