

## **The Mitigwa Scout Reservation Camp Staff Scholarship Fund**

The Mitigwa Scout Reservation Summer Camp Staff Scholarship Fund is a celebration of the camp's centennial anniversary and financially supports Mid Iowa Council's gratitude for summer camp staff service. The Mitigwa Scout Reservation Camp Staff Alumni Association administers and manages efforts to fund camp staff educational pursuits through scholarship opportunities.

### Scholarship Eligibility

Applications must be received by April 30, 2025.

Staff members having successfully completed at least two summers of camp staff service may apply for the summer camp staff scholarship, for funds to use at an accredited institution granting an associates degree or higher. Scholarship awards are based on standards of achievement, commitment to personal growth, and integration of Scouting values in one's whole life. Emphasis is placed on recognizing those applicants that demonstrate a commitment to educational excellence.

Scholarship money is dispersed to the educational institution for use for student fees or tuition. Awardees must submit the disbursement of scholarship funds form, which includes verification of enrollment and proper use of funds. Funds must be claimed and disbursed within two years of awarding. Funds not claimed within this time are reinvested into the Summer Camp Staff Scholarship fund.

The application includes a listing of personal achievements and answering important information on how Mitigwa has impacted the applicant and how they have contributed to camp. In addition, Applications must include a personal statement about what inspires the applicant in their educational pursuits, a resume, and three letters of recommendation. All application materials should be put into one, single PDF file and emailed to the Mitigwa Camping/Reservation Director, Scott Robinson, at [scott.robinson@scouting.org](mailto:scott.robinson@scouting.org), by 11:59pm CST April 30, 2025.

Currently, the Camp Staff Scholarship Fund awards one \$1000 scholarship, but it will award more scholarships as the endowment fund grows. The first scholarship is named after Dr. Joshua E. Young, who helped establish the Summer Camp Staff Alumni Scholarship fund.

### Application Checklist

Application form

Personal statement

Resume

Letters of recommendation

- One Scout leader
- One educator
- One person of your choice

## **Application Form**

Date

Name

Home address

Email address

Phone number

What positions have you worked at camp and during what years (for instance: Scoutcraft staff, 2021):

What impact has camping and/or working at Mitigwa had on you?

What impact have you had on Mitigwa?

What would receiving scholarship money from the Camp Staff Alumni Association mean to you?

Please list your community service activities in the past two years and the number of service hours provided.

Please list your academic accomplishments. Please include your latest cumulative GPA if you are currently enrolled in school or have been in the last five years.

Please list your Scouting accomplishments. This includes trainings, leadership positions, achievements, and awards.

## **Contributing to Camp Staff education and the Camp Staff Alumni Scholarship Fund**

Individuals are highly encouraged to donate to the Camp Staff Alumni Scholarship Fund. Any amount helps, and it all adds up. As this endowment fund grows, the Alumni Association will be able to increase the number of scholarships awarded to camp staffers.

Mid Iowa Council and Mitigwa Scout Reservation recognizes those making significant contributions to the success of the scholarship fund. Those choosing to make a donation of at least \$250 are awarded the Young Fellowship.

The Young Fellowship is named after Dr. Joshua E. Young, who has served on camp staff for nearly 20 years, including service as Camp Director and Reservation Director. He has served on Wood Badge staff and is a recipient of the Order of the Arrow's Founder's Award and the Silver Beaver Award. A fierce advocate for camp staff, Josh worked at Mitigwa from the beginning of his college education to the completion of his PhD in Communication and Public Discourse in 2015. One of Josh's visions was to encourage life-long learning through financial support for camp staff educational pursuits. Thus, he helped establish the Mitigwa Scout Reservation Summer Camp Staff Scholarship Fund. It is important to Dr. Young to recognize all who make efforts to support life-long learning; therefore, those contributing at least \$250 to the Mitigwa Scout Reservation Summer Camp Staff Scholarship Fund are inducted into the Young Fellowship, receiving a certificate and an acorn suspended from a red and white striped ribbon. These are the traditional academic colors of communication studies and are in recognition of Dr. Young as a contributing founder of the Mitigwa Scout Reservation Camp Staff Scholarship Fund. Young Fellow names are published, with consent, on the Reservation website and maintained by the chair of the Camp Staff Alumni Association.

Individuals may contribute an additional \$250 to recognize others as Young Fellows, donating in another's name. Further contribution recognitions may be developed in the future.

Young Fellow or Young Scholar ribbons may be worn during any court of honor or recognition ceremony held within the council.

Young Fellowship recognition ceremonies are dependent upon the recipient or individuals recognizing someone else with the award. There is no script. Scholarship recipients are recognized at an appropriate event as determined by the scholarship committee.