



Camp Hendon Campership Eligibility Policy

The purpose of the Camp Hendon Campership Eligibility Policy is to state our eligibility guidelines for awarding financial assistance to youth with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) who otherwise could not attend specialized T1D camps because of financial hardship. Camp Hendon also awards Camperships under special circumstances to Newly Diagnosed campers. Camp Hendon will make every effort to provide campership funds to those families who are most in need and to proactively reach out to families for whom camp might be new and unfamiliar.

I. Primary Criteria

1. Full Camperships

- a. Full Camperships, based on family income for the immediate prior year, will be granted for income no more than 150% of the Federal Poverty Line for their family size¹. Proof of income, or other proxy documents, must be provided.
- b. Full Camperships will be provided to families who can provide proof of Medicaid/Medicare eligibility.
- c. Full Camperships will be provided to families who can provide proof of eligibility for Free School Breakfast & Lunch programs².

2. Partial Camperships

- a. Partial Camperships, based on family income for the immediate prior year, will be granted for income no more than 250% of the Federal Poverty Line for their family size. Proof of income, or other proxy documents, must be provided.
- b. If income is over 150% of the Federal Poverty Line for their family size, Partial Camperships will be provided to families who can provide proof of eligibility for Reduced Fee School Breakfast & Lunch programs³.

II. Secondary Criteria: Extenuating Financial Circumstances

1. Secondary Criteria

Secondary criteria for extenuating financial circumstances may be considered in certain cases. Secondary criteria will be used in a minority of cases. Should a family not be eligible for assistance under our **Primary Criteria**, they will be notified by phone or email that they may apply to be considered for assistance under our **Secondary Criteria**. Camp Hendon will require a letter be written to explain their extenuating circumstances. A committee of three people, defined as the Executive Director, Operations Manager, and one member of the Volunteer Camp Leadership Team, will evaluate the letter for consideration and to make a final determination.

Some examples of extenuating financial circumstances that may be considered are:

- Recent reduction in family income due to loss of employment
- Multiple children with T1D and/or documented high out-of-pocket medical expenses
- Recommendations from a physician, social worker, therapist, etc.

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$12,880
2	\$17,420
3	\$21,960
4	\$26,500
5	\$31,040
6	\$35,580
7	\$40,120
8	\$44,660
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,540 for each additional person.	

¹ This table outlines the 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines.
Source: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines/prior-hhs-poverty-guidelines-federal-register-references/2021-poverty-guidelines>

² A child whose family income is at or below 130% of the poverty level can receive free meals.
(<https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1968>)

³ A child whose family income is between 130 and 185 percent of the poverty level can receive reduced-cost meals.
<https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1968>)

III. **New Diagnosis**

Campers who have been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes during the year prior to the summer camp session will be eligible for a full campership. The specific cutoff date will be noted in the application for financial assistance, and may change on a yearly basis.