

Financial Assistance Policy

Policy

To encourage all families to enjoy the benefits and activities of scouting, BSA Troop 101 ("Troop 101") will provide reasonable financial assistance to those in need. The availability of financial assistance is made possible through the generosity of donors and fundraising activities.

Subject to availability, Troop 101 will consider financial assistance requests for the following items:

1. BSA membership and insurance fees paid to the BSA National Office and the local counsel.
2. Troop 101 dues
3. Fees for Troop 101 sponsored outings
4. Fees for BSA sponsored camps (e.g., Summer/Winter Camp at Cherokee), BSA sponsored high adventure events (e.g., Philmont, SeaBase, National Jamboree) for which Troop 101 is planning to participate.
5. Uniforms and other equipment required for safe participation in events. Uniforms and other equipment provided by Troop 101 may be previously used and/or loaned by Troop for specific events (e.g., backpacks, cold weather sleeping bags, etc.).

The Troop Committee Chair should confirm all documentation relative to *Appendix 1—Financial Assistance Application Process* has been submitted one week prior to the RSVP deadline for the event. A timely discussion of all applications will occur among the Key Three and the Finance Chair for review and a decision. Financial assistance requests and grants will remain confidential among the Key Three, the Troop 101 Finance Chair, and the requesting family. The Troop Committee Chair or designee will notify the requesting family of the decision.

The Key Three reserves the right to reduce or deny Troop 101 provided financial assistance at their discretion. Scholarships are not guaranteed for approval.

The Key 3 may reverse financial assistance decisions for violation of Troop 101 policies, including failure to meet commitments of the *Appendix 1—Financial Assistance Application Process*.

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Scout families requesting financial assistance should direct such requests in writing or via email to the Scoutmaster, Finance Chair, Troop Committee Chair, or Trip Leader. This request should include the following information:

1. The reason for the request
2. The amount being requested
3. Confirmation that the scout is in good standing with Troop 101 and not subject to ongoing disciplinary action (e.g., serving suspension at time of application) or recurring disciplinary incidents (at the discretion of the Troop 101 Scoutmaster).
4. A commitment to actively participate in Troop 101 meetings (minimum of 12 per year) and Troop 101 outings (minimum of 3 per year).
5. If applying for financial assistance for which BSA National, local, or camp based scholarships are offered, requestor must provide documentation of good faith efforts to obtain such scholarships with their request for Troop 101 based financial assistance.
6. Applications must be submitted in a timely manner (e.g., one week prior to the RSVP deadline for Troop-101 sponsored outings).

Appendix 2—Uniform Part and Equipment Collection and Distribution Processes

In the effort to ensure Scouting is available across a diverse population to all youth who wish to participate, regardless of socioeconomic status, a process for collecting donated uniform parts and equipment and a procedure for checking out those resources to any Scout expressing a need is provided below.

Process for collecting donated uniform parts and equipment.

Each year throughout the month of February, announcements will go out to Scouts and their families, asking them to gather any uniform parts and equipment they no longer use or need. Examples could include outgrown scout pants, class-A shirts, class-B shirts, hiking boots and shoes, base layer, mid layer, and outer shell clothing, gloves, hats, backpacks, etc.

During the month of March, current Scouts and their families will be asked to bring any un-needed equipment and uniform parts during each Troop Meeting, to be collected and organized.

Procedure for checking out those resources to any Scout expressing a need

During the month when AOL Scouts crossover into the Troop (typically April), incoming Scouts will be notified about uniform and equipment requirements and be alerted to the “Checkout Program.”

Throughout the scouting year, all Scouts will be notified periodically about the “Checkout Program.”

Per the Financial Assistance Policy, when a request for uniform parts or equipment is made to the Scoutmaster, Finance Chair, Troop Committee Chair, or a Trip Leader, they will alert the Equipment Manager to provide needed equipment to be loaned.