

2026 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION PROCESS

Thank you for your interest in the Wilderness Adventures Financial Aid Program. Each summer we award financial aid to students from around the world. Please carefully review the information below and be in touch with our office with any questions (307-733-2122).

FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

Wilderness Adventures (WA), supported by the generous donors of the Wilderness Adventures Foundation (WAF), are pleased to provide financial support for students who are enthusiastic about joining a program! Wilderness Adventures provides a large portfolio of overnight trip options, many of which are eligible for financial aid funding.

ELIGIBLE TRIPS: All U.S. domestic programs in the contiguous 48 and Alaska

INELIGIBLE TRIPS: All International and Hawaii programs

GIFTING PERIOD

PHASE 1 SCHEDULE

JANUARY 15, 2026

All application materials submitted
(including 2 references for new students).

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

All applicants notified of their
financial aid status.

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Deadline to accept financial aid package.

PHASE 2 SCHEDULE

MARCH 15, 2026

All application materials submitted
(including 2 references for new students).

APRIL 1, 2026

All applicants notified of their
financial aid status.

APRIL 10, 2026

Deadline to accept financial aid package.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

To apply for Financial Aid, the following information will be required:

1. Student Application (please select "Financial Aid Application")
2. The first page of your most recent federal tax return(s).
3. A parent statement explaining why WA will be a good fit for their child and any other circumstances that we should be aware of.
4. An essay written by the student (250 words or less) explaining why they want to go on a Wilderness Adventures trip.
5. The names and email address of two references (teachers or coaches) who know the applicant well. WA will reach out to them on the applicants behalf.
6. Financial Worksheet
7. If offered financial aid, at the end of the summer, the student will be asked to reflect upon their experience with Wilderness Adventures. We will send information on this after the trip.