NSCD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD) offers scholarships for adaptive outdoor recreation activities for individuals of all ages, abilities and interests. We believe that everyone should be able to participate in our programs no matter their financial abilities. All activities provided by the NSCD are provided at reduced costs to participants but we strive to provide programming for all regardless of financial situation. Participants who demonstrate financial need may be eligible for a scholarship to cover a portion of the cost of programs. We strongly encourage participants to pay as much as they are able so that scholarships will be available to others throughout the year.

Military Veterans qualify to participate in the NSCD programs at no or low cost and do not need to submit a scholarship application. Please call a customer service representative at 303-515-NSCD (6723) to obtain a veterans/military discount code for participation.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. All of the information provided in the NSCD Scholarship Application will remain confidential. Statistical information from scholarship awards may be used for fundraising and grant reporting purposes.

2. Scholarship Applications should be filled out on-line by clicking on this link: scholarship application link. If you need assistance in completing the scholarship application or need to request a hardcopy of the application, please call 303-515-NSCD (6723) and we will be happy to assist you.

3. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please answer each question as completely as possible or note N/A (not applicable) in the space provided.

4. Proof of family income may be requested (i.e., Paycheck stubs, Government Assistance Checks, Income Tax Statements, etc.) by the NSCD to complete the scholarship application.

5. Scholarship eligibility and prioritization are based on financial need, prior year scholarships and participation, minority status and supporting typically underserved populations.
Scholarships may be awarded to cover partial or full program costs. Participants are responsible for the remaining amount of program fee due prior to start of the program per the reservation policy.

6. Applying for a scholarship or receiving a scholarship in the past does not guarantee that additional scholarships will be awarded. Participants must re-apply for scholarships each season.

7. **NSCD scholarships are awarded year round as long as scholarship funds are available.** The NSCD fiscal year is Nov 1 - Oct 31. Please submit your scholarship application before you make any reservations. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be issued a voucher that can be applied to your online reservation. Scholarship applications must be submitted at least seven days prior to the program/lesson. Please contact customer service for more information at 303-515-NSCD (6723).

8. Participants will be notified of their scholarship awards within 14 days of submitting the application via email to the contact email provided in the scholarship application outlining the scholarship amount awarded and use requirements. Award decisions are based on financial need, subject to available funds and must be used in the season/year in which they are awarded.

9. Scholarship recipients will receive directions on redeeming their scholarship “smart voucher” with their award email that will be used as payment when making their reservation on-line. Scholarship awards have no cash value. Reservations are required in advance of program attendance and can be made by clicking here. Scholarship Smart Vouchers can be applied to existing reservations by calling customer service at 303-515-NSCD (6723).

10. Scholarships are non-transferable. Please notify the NSCD if you are unable to use your scholarship so that it can be awarded to another scholarship applicant. Unused scholarships cannot be applied to the next season.

11. Each participant, or the participant’s parent or guardian, is responsible for communicating, in a timely manner, with the NSCD in the event they cannot participate in a reserved program for any reason. If the participant is a No Call / No Show for two (2) reserved programs, their scholarship may be revoked, and any future reservations may be cancelled.

12. NSCD scholarships are often funded by donors who love to hear about individuals in our community who are able to participate with the NSCD as a result of the NSCD Scholarship Program. Scholarship recipients, or their parent/guardian should write a short thank you letter expressing how this opportunity has affected their lives and their involvement in our community.
13. Scholarship may not be used during the NSCD “high season” dates without prior approval from the NSCD Office Manager. Click here and scroll down to the middle of the page for the calendar.

14. If any of the items listed above are not completed or followed, you may no longer be eligible for a scholarship.

15. If you have questions or need assistance completing the scholarship application process, please call 303-515-NSCD (6723).

**Scholarships and Discounts for Agencies and Groups**

Individuals in groups with reservations for **Recreational Group Activities** are **NOT** eligible for scholarships. These activities are priced following a flat rate model. Group leaders have discretion to offer their own scholarships within their group. These activities include the following: hiking, archery/airgun, Nordic skiing, NSCD Moves!, orienteering, indoor rock climbing, and lake day activities (flat water paddling in a SUP, kayak, canoe).

Individuals in groups with reservations for **Adventure Group Activities** may apply for a scholarship.

1. **Individuals in a group that pay NSCD directly (Individual Pay):** where the Group Lead works with NSCD to create the Custom or Weekly Group, they send a link to all the individual participants (or caregiver/family) and the individual completes registration and pays the NSCD directly.

2. **Agency or group pay NSCD Directly (Group Pay):** where the group lead organizes the program with NSCD, sets up the Custom or Weekly Group, the Group Lead pays the NSCD the total cost for the group, they send a $0 registration link to all the individual participants (or caregiver/family) and the individual completes the registration but does not pay the NSCD directly.

We cannot accept a payment split between the group and the individuals in the group. A third party payment may be applied to a participants account.