



FINANCIAL AID REFERENCE

A child you know has applied for Financial Aid to attend Four Winds * Westward Ho summer camp. We base these awards on a child's strengths—what he/she can contribute as well as gain from living in our camp community. It is also based on financial need. Four Winds * Westward Ho is a co-ed camp for children aged 7-15 located on Orcas Island. The program is non-competitive, based on all ages learning together in a variety of sports, riding, craft and water-based activities. In our full sessions, children live together for a month with five or six others of a similar age in tents or cabins, with a college-aged counselor. The camp population is diverse, coming from about 25 states and 10 countries, as well as a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds.

Any information you provide will be kept strictly confidential. **We appreciate your frankness** when answering the questions which follow. Financial Aid Applications and References are **due by February 1**. If you prefer to write a letter, please consider these questions as guidelines. We prefer for you to send your reference directly to us at the address on the bottom of this page or via fax to 360-376-5741.

Thank you for your time.

Camper Applicant's Name: _____

How long have you known him/her?

- Less than 1 year 1 – 3 years 3 – 5 years More than 5 years

In what capacity?

- Teacher Family Friend Mentor Other (please describe)
 Coach Neighbor Counselor _____

Would this child have a consistently positive influence on other children?

- Yes No Unsure (please explain): _____

What do you consider to be the applicant's three most positive strengths?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What do you see as his/her weakness(es)?

How would you judge the applicant's ability to adapt to new situations and live closely with children of different backgrounds?

How effective is this applicant in accomplishing what he/she sets out to do?

Please indicate your level of agreement with the statements below and comment as appropriate.

This candidate:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Comments
Is Caring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is Responsible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is Self-Disciplined	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is Energetic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is Adaptable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is Honest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is Open to Change & Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is a Doer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is Self-Motivated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Has A Good Self Image	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Thinks About Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Has a Warm Personality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Works Well with Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Additional Comments: Please feel free to add more information about this applicant if you think it will help us make a decision.

If you prefer a phone interview, please provide a timeframe convenient for us to call you: _____

How strongly do you recommend this child?

Very Moderately With Reservations (please explain): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____ Position/Occupation: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____