

Please carefully read and fill out this form to apply for financial aid at one of Mass Audubon's camp programs.

Any family may apply for financial aid, which is generally available for one session per camper per summer. We consider family size, income and other circumstances when we award financial aid. Mass Audubon cannot guarantee financial aid to any family. Apply as soon as you know you want to send a camper to a Mass Audubon camp, and contact the camp you hope to attend for more information and possible deadlines. A list of Mass Audubon camps is available at www.massaudubon.org/camp.

There are other ways to reduce the immediate cost of attending a Mass Audubon camp.

- Become a Mass Audubon member – membership at the family level or higher entitles you to the member price at all Mass Audubon camps.
- Ask about a payment plan to spread out the cost of camp to meet your family's needs.
- Explore other community resources. Schools and other civic organizations can often provide support.

You may complete one application for your family.

List all campers' names, birthdates, and grades, and include the total cost of all the camp sessions requested in step 3.

Send a completed camp registration form for each camper with your financial aid application.

Camper Name _____ Birth date _____ Current Grade _____

Second Camper Name _____ Birth date _____ Current Grade _____

Third Camper Name _____ Birth date _____ Current Grade _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) _____ Relationship to Camper(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email _____ Best Time to Reach You _____

I would like to apply for financial aid for: (Please list the Mass Audubon camp your camper plans to attend.)

Please list your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd session choices: _____ or _____ or _____

Has your camper attended a Mass Audubon program in a previous year? (List Mass Audubon programs your camper attended and which years.)

How did you hear about Mass Audubon's Camp Financial Aid Program? (If you were referred, please include the name of the person or agency that referred you.)

Step 1: Family Income

What was your family's gross income for the most recent complete calendar year? \$ _____

(Include any income from wages, salary, tips, interest & dividends, unemployment compensation, Social Security benefits, etc. – usually the amount reported in the Income section of a federal tax return.)

How many family members receive total support from this income? _____

Step 2: Attach Income Verification (**Required – your application cannot be processed without it!**)

Please **attach** a copy of the **first page** of your most recent federal income tax return. (Do not include schedules, worksheets, or state returns.) If a tax return is not available, you may include copies of W-2 forms, end-of-year pay stubs, or letters detailing Social Security benefits, unemployment compensation, child support, or other income. If your current income is **not** reflected on your documents, please explain in writing how your income has changed.

You MUST remove all Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, and other protected information before sending your documents!

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Step 3: Family Contribution & Financial Aid Request

Of the total tuition amount, \$ _____, our family can contribute \$ _____.

(You must include a dollar amount for your family contribution. To provide assistance to as many campers as possible, we ask families to contribute as large a portion as they can reasonably afford.)

My family requests a financial aid award of \$ _____.

Step 4: Additional Information Regarding Financial Need

Please help us understand your family’s financial situation. Are there special circumstances you would like us to consider? You may include information regarding medical expenses, school or college expenses, childcare expenses (including other summer programs), eldercare expenses, child support payments, emergency expenses, unemployment, etc. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Step 5: Anticipated Benefits of Attending a Mass Audubon Camp

Please share with us how you hope your camper will benefit from attending a Mass Audubon camp. If your camper has attended a Mass Audubon camp in the past, please tell us how this has positively influenced your camper. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Signature Required: I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided on this application is truthful, accurate, and complete. I understand that if the information I have provided is found to be untrue, my financial aid award may be revoked.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return Complete Application, Income Verification, & Camp Registration Form(s) directly to the camp(s) you hope to attend.

You can find a complete list of Mass Audubon camps on our website at www.massaudubon.org/camp

Please send your financial aid application materials by postal mail!

(For identity safety assurances, we cannot accept applications by fax or e-mail.)

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Date Received _____ Amount Awarded \$ _____ Date of Notification _____

Date of Acceptance _____ Family Contribution \$ _____ Final Payment Received _____