

2019 CTF Camp Scholarships and Financial Help

If you want to go to CTF Camp but are afraid you can't afford it - DO NOT WORRY!!!

Every year we have quite a few students who aren't able to afford camp on their own and God has always provided a way to get the money they needed. God is good, and we believe if we do our part, he will always do his! **Do not let money be the reason you don't go to CTF Camp.**

If you do what we ask you to do, we will make sure you get to go to CTF Camp this year!

First, you can get your camp price down to \$425 by doing the following:

- **Working the Springita Annual CTF Fundraiser Event** - This is a live and silent auction event along with a fajita dinner in order to raise yearly support for the CTF ministries. This will be on April 27. We always need help from teens in various positions throughout the event. Working the event gets you \$25 off.
- **Selling 10 raffle tickets for the Springjita Event** - This gets you \$25 off.
- **Selling an additional 10 raffle tickets** gets you another \$25 off. Friends, family, school faculty, neighbors are all people you can think about selling to. Getting your parents to post about selling them on their Facebook is also a way teens have sold a lot of these in the past. We always have 3 really nice items you can win, and you get a chance at all 3, so they aren't that hard to sell.

Other ways to get money for camp:

- **Ask for help!**

Many students have grandparents, family, or family friends that would love to be able to help in some way. If you're involved in a church, other church members are also a good option. Often people want to help if they're asked, so don't be afraid to ask!

Letter Writing**- We highly encourage you to write letters to friends, families, and church members (if you attend somewhere) about how God has blessed you and changed you through your experience with CTF. Share with them about this camp and why you want to go. Let them in on the excitement of what God is doing in your life and ask them to help support your spiritual growth - see if they would be willing and able to support you financially and prayerfully. An example letter is attached. Including pictures of CTF is great as well as handwriting a small note at the bottom. Try coming up with a list of people who have impacted you or might be interested in supporting you. You can ask any staff member or youth worker

for help with this *(If you attend Garland NE, Wylie NE, or Denton North Church, please avoid asking members for support as the churches already support CTF and our Springjita Event)*

Also feel free to do this through phone for those who would be comfortable with that. Just pick up the phone, explain that you're involved in a christian community called Christian Teen Fellowship and share how that has blessed and changed you. Then tell them that you're trying to raise money to go to CTF Camp this summer for the purpose of spiritual growth. Ask if they would be willing to donate any to your cause!

- **Bake Sale** - Feel free to sell brownies or other baked goods before and after CTF or in another setting (make sure to let us know your plan prior to doing this at CTF). \$2 a piece adds up over time! Your mom might even be willing to bake them for you!
- **Other Sales** - If you know how to make something, you could sell that as well. People have sold bracelets, key chains, art...get creative! Garage sales are also a great way to raise money!
- **Work** - Get a job at the beginning of the summer or pick up additional hours at your current work if you can to put towards camp.

**Avoid creating GoFundMe pages for support, and instead redirect people to give on the "Donate" page on our website at <https://christianteenfellowship.com/donate/> with your name in the comment section or they can donate through Venmo to @ctfwylie with your name in the comment section. (GoFundMe takes a small portion of each gift)

Lastly, apply for a partial scholarship.

If after you try a couple of these things you still need money for camp, please apply for a scholarship by emailing brianna@anyfocus.org.

In the subject line write **Scholarship Application**.

At the top include your **name, grade, and school**, along with the **scholarship amount you are requesting**. Then write a paragraph about **why you want to attend CTF Camp** and **what you hope to get out of it**. Also share what other means you have tried to raise money for camp yourself.

Bottom line is, don't let money hold you back from a trip that God may want you to take! His people are generous, and He is faithful! If you have any other questions please contact Brianna Marble.

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Sample Letter (Make sure you reword the middle paragraph to your experience. Those are just examples of what you might say. Additionally, don't forget to take out anything in red. These can be mailed or emailed.)

Dear ,

I have an awesome opportunity this summer, July 23rd - July 28th , to travel to Sacramento, New Mexico and attend camp with Christian Teen Fellowship. At this 4 day camp, I will spend time worshiping, praying, studying the bible, and building spiritual friendships.

(Share here about how you started going to CTF and in what ways that has blessed/changed you or if you've gone to camp before how that blessed you)

I started going to CTF this last year when my friend invited me. I was skeptical to go but tried it once and I'm so glad I did. I automatically felt welcome and felt like this was a place that actually cared for people. Through going to CTF I really started investing more in my relationship with God and have come to know him more deeply. I really want the chance to go to camp this year so I can deepen my faith even more and learn more about how to impact my school and peers positively.

-OR-

I've been going to CTF for 3 years now. I started going as a freshman and it has been such a blessing to my life. I've learned a lot about Jesus and what it means to follow him, I've gained deep spiritual friendships, I've learned how to have a positive impact at school, and have great mentors that I can talk to and that encourage me in trying to live the way God intended me to. This will be my third year to attend CTF Camp. This camp always impacts me and my friends in a really big way. I learn more about God, grow closer to him, and build deeper friendships that help me live out my faith in school when we get back. It is always such an encouraging and life changing time.

I wish to ask for your support financially and prayerfully as I prepare to go to CTF Camp in July. I need to raise 500 dollars for the expenses of the trip. If you you are able and willing to give, please make checks payable to "Christian Teen Fellowship" (with my name on the memo line), and send them to (your home address). You can also send money through Venmo to @ctfwylie with my name in the comment section. All donations are tax deductible.

Thank you so much for your consideration. Your support financially is very much a blessing, and any size donation is greatly appreciated! I also ask that you pray that God will provide, and that this will be another life changing year of camp for me as well as all the other students attending.

If you have any questions, or encouragements, feel free to call me at:
###-###-####.

Thank you for the blessing of your support,

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(Ideas of who to send letters to)

Relatives:

Parent's Friends:

Neighbors:

Church acquaintances:

Past Teachers or Coaches:

Others:
