



## FRIENDS OF CAMP COLTON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Friends of Camp Colton (FCC) Scholarship Program began as a collaborative effort between FCC and W.L. Gore & Associates Medical Products Division (GORE) to expand the reach of Camp Colton's environmental education programs to a greater number of northern Arizona children and lessen economic barriers that prevent low-income students from attending. **Scholarships are currently available for sixth-grade children from low-income/underrepresented backgrounds from northern Arizona schools.** A GORE STEM Education Grant launched the scholarship program during the 2014-15 school year and the initiative continues through the generosity of GORE, Kahtoola (Kahtoola.com) and additional donors, partners and stakeholders.

Camp Colton is owned by the Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) and is a 47 year-old residential environmental education center that introduces children to the wonders of the natural environment through hands-on learning experiences. Since the program began in 1971, FUSD students have attended Camp Colton at no cost as an integrated part of their classroom science studies (expense offset by FUSD, tax credit donations and funds raised by the Friends of Camp Colton). Sixth grade students from non-FUSD schools can also attend Camp Colton and pay a \$350 per student tuition fee. **Teachers/Administrators from non-FUSD schools in the northern Arizona region are invited to apply for a FCC Scholarship to offset tuition costs for their low-income students.**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Colton Program:

- Accompanied by classroom teachers and taught by the Camp's team of experienced environmental educators, sixth graders spend four-days and three-nights at Camp Colton learning about and connecting with the natural environment.
- Camp Colton's curriculum is standards-aligned, STEM-based, and offers an engaging schedule of environmental science programs.
  - Classes explore the following topics: wildlife, botany, aquatics, climate science, history, geology, environmental stewardship, orienteering and geocaching, outdoor skills and astronomy
  - Students participate in an estimated 25-instructional hours while at Camp Colton
  - Guest presenters from local science organizations meet with campers during the week.
- Students also enjoy team-building and traditional outdoor activities such as hikes, campfires, arts and crafts, games, and square dancing.

**This four-day/three-night program is \$350 per student and accompanying teachers are free-of-cost (this price includes room and board but not transportation).** To apply for scholarship funds, teachers/administrators complete the following (or online) application. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis (via mail or online at [FriendsofCampColton.org](http://FriendsofCampColton.org)) for Camp Colton's spring and fall sessions. Applications are reviewed at monthly board meetings and applicants will be notified of grant outcomes within 6 weeks of their application date. Please contact the Friends of Camp Colton for additional information.

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**FRIENDS OF CAMP COLTON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION • 2017-2018**

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your school previously attended Camp Colton? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your school received scholarship funds in the past? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when and amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Who Will Benefit from Grant Support?**

Camp Colton is designed as a classroom experience, where all students within a class attend and are accompanied by their classroom teacher/s. While scholarships will be based upon the economic need of low-income students, awarded funds can be used to offset the classroom's overall tuition fee.

- Total # of sixth graders in your class/school who will attend Camp Colton: \_\_\_\_\_
- Our sixth grade class has \_\_\_\_\_ (#) female students and \_\_\_\_\_ (#) of male students.
- Our sixth grade class includes:  
\_\_\_\_ (#) Caucasian Students    \_\_\_\_ (#) Native American Students    \_\_\_\_ (#) African American Students  
\_\_\_\_ (#) Hispanic Students    \_\_\_\_ (#) Asian Students    \_\_\_\_ (#) Multiple Ethnicity Students
- \_\_\_\_\_ (#) of our sixth grade students are from low-income backgrounds.
- What criteria did you use to establish low-income status? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Total # of teachers/staff who will accompany sixth graders to Camp Colton: \_\_\_\_\_
- Based on enrollment numbers and the Camp's teaching model, classes from different schools may be grouped together. The Camp typically follows a Mon-Thurs schedule (Tues-Fridays also available at the discretion of the Camp Director). Contact Mary Giannola, Camp Director for schedule options during Camp Colton's spring and fall seasons ([mgiannola@fusd1.org](mailto:mgiannola@fusd1.org), 928.853.3040).
  - DATE OPTION 1: \_\_\_\_\_
  - DATE OPTION 2: \_\_\_\_\_
  - DATE OPTION 3: \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT ANSWER (please use additional pages and limit each response to 350 words):**

- Please describe how STEM education is currently implemented at your school and why and how you plan to incorporate Camp Colton's outdoor environmental STEM programs with your sixth grade classroom curriculum.
- In the event that your request is only partially funded, what is your plan to fundraise the balance of tuition fees for your students to attend Camp Colton?
- Anything else you'd like to share?

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**REQUEST FOR SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT:**

- Total classroom cost: \$350/per student x \_\_\_\_\_ (#) students = \_\_\_\_\_ total class tuition fee.
- A scholarship of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (to offset tuition fees for low-income students) is requested.

**Note:** Any awarded scholarship funds will be transferred directly to FUSD-Camp Colton and applied to your school's account. One month prior to attending Camp Colton, your school will pay the balance of the program fee in full and provide a certificate of liability insurance (\$2,000,000 per occurrence which names Flagstaff Unified School District as additional insured) to the Flagstaff Unified School District. The Arizona School Risk Retention Trust offers insurance policies for schools/school districts. Visit [www.the-trust.org](http://www.the-trust.org) for more information or contact them at 800.266.4911.

**CAMP COLTON IMPACT REPORTING:**

If you receive scholarship funding from Friends of Camp Colton, you must submit at least one individual student impact story and a general paragraph about the overall benefit for your students after you attend Camp Colton. By checking the box below, you agree to these requirements.

I agree to the requirements of this grant application.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

As an authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_ (school name), my signature confirms that the information submitted in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Administrator/Printed Name & Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date