



Summer Field Research Course Financial Aid Application

All financial aid for the course is need-based. We will begin awarding scholarships at the beginning of January and then continue making awards on a rolling basis until all available funds are awarded. We will notify financial aid applicants of the amount we are able to award within a month of receiving an application. The applicant will then be given a deadline to register for the course online. At that time, the remaining balance of tuition will be due.

We recommend that you call or email to confirm that funding is still available before completing your application:

Phone: 415.758.1650
Email: summerprograms@naturebridge.org

Submit your application by email, fax, or mail:

Email: summerprograms@naturebridge.org
Fax: 415.992.4711
Mail: NatureBridge
Attn: Summer Field Research Course
c/o Kaylee Weil
28 Geary St., Ste. 650
San Francisco, CA 94108

A complete application includes:

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- One written recommendation from a community leader who can speak to your qualification for this program (teacher, guidance counselor, youth group leader, etc.). Page 3 of this document has instructions for the person writing the applicant's letter of support. It can be given to the person who will be writing the letter.



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Name: _____ Age: _____ High School: _____

Address (city, state, zip): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone Number for Parent/Guardian: _____

Email for Parent/Guardian: _____

Who will provide your letter of recommendation?

Name: _____

How do you know them? _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Application Questions

Please type or print responses to the following questions (no more than two double-sided pages, please).

Questions for the prospective student:

- What excites or interests you most about the Summer Field Research Course?
- What do you hope to gain from the experience?
- What do you have to offer or share with others on the course?
- What else should we know about you?

Questions for the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the prospective student:

- Please provide an explanation of your need for financial support to attend the course. The following information will help us determine your financial needs:
 - Does your child/family qualify for the free or reduced lunch program at school?
 - Provide an explanation of your family's ability to contribute to course tuition. Please take into account that NatureBridge has limited funds available for financial aid and we aim to share this resource with as many students as possible. We ask that families contribute to the maximum of their ability.
 - What amount of scholarship support would make participation in the course possible?



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Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

The Summer Field Research Course is a one-week to two-week experience that takes high school students on a physical and academic journey into one of our spectacular national parks. During the course, students actively learn to think like scientists as they conceive, design, and carry out their own ecological research project and participate in National Park Service research. Students will also learn wilderness travel and camping skills as they hike and sleep under the stars. At the end of the course, students will present their research findings to national park scientists, NatureBridge staff, and other Summer Field Research Course students. You can find out more about the course at naturebridge.org/summerfieldresearch.

Financial aid will be awarded based primarily on the student's financial need, while also taking into account the application completed by the student and the letter of support provided by a teacher or other community leader.

Please fill out this recommendation honestly and to the best of your ability. **Demonstrated academic success is less important than a clear sense of how the program is a good fit for the individual** (what they have to offer as well as what they have to gain).

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Your recommendation should include the following:

- How long have you known the applicant? In what context?
- In what ways is this applicant outstanding compared to their peers? What are their strengths?
- How does the applicant get along with others?
- How do you think this applicant can benefit from the Summer Field Research Course?
- Do you have any concerns about this applicant's ability to participate in the Summer Field Research Course?
- Is there anything else you would like to share about the applicant?