



MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2023 OPPORTUNITY FUND MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROCESS & WORKSHEET

Through generous grants and contributions, the Mount Baker Council, Boy Scouts of America, is able to offer assistance to registered youth and adults so they may fully participate in the Scouting program.



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Opportunity Fund Membership Assistance Application Process & Worksheet

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To be eligible, the following guidelines must be met by the youth applicant:

- Currently registered within the Mount Baker Council prior to completing an application.
- OR
- Completing a new registration with the Mount Baker Council. **A completed PAPER BSA application must be submitted to the council registrar in order for the Opp Fund application to be reviewed.** *Note: Online BSA registration through BeAScout forces payment in full and refunds for Opp Fund grants are not possible.*

In keeping with the philosophy of “pay your own way”, each youth should pay a portion of the fee. Membership Assistance is awarded based primarily on need. The more information provided about the Scout's particular need, the better. The council also reserves the right to consider the unit's participation in council-administered product sales as demonstrating a concerted effort to raise these funds. The family and unit should also contribute to the cost of the Scouting experience.

The Opportunity Fund Membership Assistance application is available online via the Mount Baker Council website. Participants may qualify for **up to 50%** of registration fees and the Council Activity Fee, and uniform, book, Scout Life magazine. The New Member Joining Fee is not covered by Opportunity Fund Membership Assistance awards, nor are unit dues. For consideration for the 2022 program year and the 2023 charter renewal, all membership assistance applications must be submitted by **OCTOBER 31ST** to allow time for review, allocation, and notification. Access the form at <https://247scouting.com/forms/606-OppFundMembership2023> **AFTER** completing pages 3 and 4 of this worksheet.

1. Apply online separately for each Scout needing assistance. All information requested on this WORKSHEET is needed when applying online.
2. Assistance will be considered based on need and the youth's unit's support of the mission of the Mount Baker Council including participation in Council fundraising.
3. **For 2022 Membership Assistance Awards & 2023 Charter Renewal, all requests must be submitted online by Oct. 31, 2022.** Membership Assistance for applications not on charter renewal, can be submitted starting November 15, 2023. All Opportunity Fund Membership Assistance applications submitted on time will be considered based on the financial need of the Scout in relation to the other applications received and available funds. Any Opportunity Fund applications received after the deadline will only be considered if there are funds remaining.
4. Your request will be reviewed by council personnel. Opportunity Fund awards and information will be kept confidential.
5. After review, the applicant's family and Unit Leadership will be notified by email of the details of any award.
6. The Membership Assistance award is to a specific individual and is not transferable to anyone else.
7. Completeness of the information when applying online will help determine membership assistance allocations.
8. There are no refunds on unused awards and Membership Assistance awards will not reimburse for expenses already paid by the applicant.

Questions? Please email susan.mccaughan@scouting.org or speak to your District Staff

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Part 1 - Applicant Information

Unit Type: _____ Unit #: _____ Council: _____ Mount Baker Council

Youth Applicant's Name: _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Male or Female (circle selection)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Applicant's Address: _____
Street

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

New to Scouting? (please circle): Yes / No If no, how many years has the applicant been involved? _____

The applicant participated in the fall popcorn sales this program year (please circle): Yes / No If YES, dollar amount sold: \$ _____

Did this applicant's unit participate in the fall popcorn sales in this program year? (please circle): Yes / No

Number of persons in applicant's immediate household? _____

Other children in the home (names and ages) _____

Family's annual income:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,001 - \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,001 - \$80,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001 - \$30,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$60,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,001 - \$90,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001 - \$40,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,001 - \$70,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000+ |

Is the applicant eligible for free or reduced lunches through their school program? Yes / No

Please indicate the items for which you are requesting assistance: (50% maximum award for Fees)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Handbook
<input type="checkbox"/>	Uniform – includes shirt, patches, hat, neckerchief and slide, Cub Scout belt (If applicable)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration Fee (Does not include Unit fees or dues)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scout Life Magazine Subscription
<input type="checkbox"/>	Council Activity Fee



Note: A new Opportunity Fund Application must be completed each time assistance is requested. Membership & uniform requests can be submitted anytime during the year. Camp Grants require a separate application available through the council camping pages and online registration sites for summer camp programs.

Part 2 – Parent/Guardian Statement (Allocations will be based on this section. Be descriptive and complete.)

Explain any special circumstances why this applicant needs financial assistance. (Employment, family situation, number of Scouts in the family, etc.)

Parent's name writing statement: (please print) _____

Please make sure your unit leader is aware of your application. Notification of any award is sent to both the unit leader and the recipient's family.

Unit Leadership Contact info:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Phone Number: _____ E mail: _____

Name of person completing online submission: _____ Date: _____

(Keep a copy for your records)