

Scholarship Agreement Troop 97 BSA

Troop 97's leaders and committee feel strongly that no boy should miss out on Scouting because of cost. It is our troop policy that we will subsidize the cost of Scouting to whatever extent necessary for families who cannot afford the full Scouting program our troop offers.

Here is what we offer, and what we expect in return. If you need scholarship assistance, please return this form to the Scoutmaster or committee chairman. Please feel free to discuss questions with either of them.

We offer scholarships to cover the major annual expenses:

- annual fees
- summer camp fee
- uniform (through our uniform exchange)

If needed, we will also help with other secondary expenses:

- campout food
- cross-country ski rental
- fees/other costs for regular troop activities
- major equipment items (backpack, sleeping bag available for loan)

We also provide fund-raising opportunities to pay for those troop Treks which are more expensive (every two to four years; the annual Trek is an activity for older Scouts with 2-4 years in the troop).

Scholarship Requirements

We don't ask for any financial statements, but we make the simple assumption (backed up by observation) that those who receive financial assistance from the troop are less financially able than our paying families.

Troop 97 expects:

1. A Scout on scholarship will be active (attend a minimum of 50% of activities).
2. He will advance regularly (earn First Class in 12-18 months, 1 higher rank/year after that).
3. He will earn part of his Scouting expenses, either through the troop, or through personal efforts (paper route, etc). *In particular, we expect him to make a strong effort to sell pasta supper tickets for the troop's annual fund raiser (this supper is where we get most of our scholarship funds). We expect a minimum of \$100 in supper ticket sales.*
4. Parents will earn a minimum of 100 points' credit per year (see adult jobs list).

_____ Scout

_____ Parent