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CRITERIA, POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR CAMP CILCA SCHOLARSHIPS

POLICY STATEMENT: The purpose of the Camp CILCA Scholarship fund is to encourage Bethel youth to attend a camp session at Camp CILCA near Springfield, IL.

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Bethel members (or potential members in Bethel instruction), must not have entered freshman year of high school.
2. **APPLICATION:** The eligible youth should apply to the Bethel Board of Youth using the Board of Youth application form.
3. **ADMINISTRATION:** The Bethel Lutheran Church Board of Youth will submit the names and the amounts of scholarship money needed to the Foundation. Since camp sessions run throughout the year, it is expected that the Foundation will receive requests on a periodic basis. The Youth Board will submit their requests to the Foundation using the Foundation’s “Memorial Request Form”. The Foundation Board will approve/disapprove the requests at their normally scheduled meetings.

The Bethel Lutheran Foundation has investments in fixed income securities (certificates of deposit) that yield various interest rates. It is intended that the principal not be used for scholarships; rather, only the interest owned by the principal will be available for grants. (This may cause a need to use Foundation “undesignated” funds for a period of time until the Camp CILCA scholarship principal becomes large enough to support the intent of the program).

It is suggested that 100% scholarships be granted only in cases with extenuating circumstances. Rather, the youth should be expected to pay a portion of their camp fee.

4. **GOAL:** It is the goal of the Bethel Lutheran Foundation to encourage Bethel youth to use Synod facilities to help grow in their faith. Accordingly, the Camp CILCA Scholarship fund is intended to provide the opportunity to expose Bethel youth to on of these facilities – Camp CILCA. Studies have indicated that many church camp experiences have led to a decision to pursue a career in professional church work.

