



Diversity in the Outdoors Scholarship Nomination Letter

Dear Youth Work Professional:

The BOLD & GOLD (Boys & Girls Outdoor Leadership Development) Program at YMCA Camp Jones Gulch is offering you the **opportunity to recommend students from diverse backgrounds for a scholarship for a 5-day, 6-day or 10-day summer expedition**. The Diversity in the Outdoors Scholarship was created to recognize youth from the Bay Area who have shown significant leadership qualities and who have been traditionally under-represented in the outdoors. On a BOLD or GOLD course young men and women (ages 11-24) have the opportunity to develop leadership and life skills through outdoor adventure, challenge, and fun.

For more information about BOLD & GOLD, visit www.ymcasf.org/outdoorleadership.

Key Criteria for receiving a scholarship award are:

- 1) Financial need: priority is for students who could not otherwise afford a week at summer camp.
- 2) Tolerance for adversity: a desire to be challenged and try new things, to build grit and confidence.
- 3) Interest and passion: student is interested in trying new things like camping and can work in a group.

*Please note: BOLD & GOLD **are not** at-risk/therapy programs and **are not appropriate** for students with significant behavioral issues. Our staff **is not** trained to provide mental health counseling.*

Full Scholarships cover 95% of the cost of the trip.

\$693.50 towards a 5-day course, \$836 towards a 6-day course, or \$1,263.50 towards any 10-day course

Example: Full Price for Point Reyes Backpacking is \$880. With \$836 Scholarship, cost to family is \$44.

Bottom Line

\$36.50 for a 5-day course
Families in need pay: \$44 for a 6-day excursion or
\$66.50 for a 10-day expedition

To complete the nomination process please:

1. In a brief paragraph (on the following page) explain your connection to the nominee and why you are recommending this student for a scholarship to participate in a BOLD or GOLD program. You can include examples of courage the nominee shows, what you think they would add to a group, leadership characteristics, value of experience for the student, and anything else you think we should know.
2. Provide contact information for both yourself and the nominee at the bottom of the form.
3. Please submit this form by **June 15th, 2019** to:

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If you have questions please contact:

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Letter of Nomination for: _____

Nominee Contact Information – Please Print Clearly

Student Name		
Parent/Guardian Name	Phone	Email

Teacher/Youth Worker/Counselor Contact Information – Please Print Clearly

First Name	MI	Last Name	
School Name & Address		City/State	Zip Code
Work Phone	Work Email		
Grades You Teach (if Applicable)	What agency or schools do you work with? (if applicable)		
How did you hear about BOLD and GOLD?			