

Policy Authority

Policy Owner CDS-BC Board

Background

The New Generation Initiative (NGI) is a scholarship program jointly sponsored by Pinewoods Camp Inc (PCI) and participating User Groups at camp. Both PCI and the User Group (i.e. CDS-BC) waive all fees for the recipient, resulting in a 100% (no-work) scholarship.

Target Audience

The scholarship program targets those candidates who have potential to increase youth participation in the type of events that further CDS-BC's mission, i.e. in activities that promote traditional and historic music and dances of England and New England, primarily in New England.

Summary of purpose and intent

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the selection of the youth scholarship (New Generation Initiative) candidate and recipient to ensure fairness, objectivity and oversight.

Policy Specifics

I. Roles and Responsibilities:

- A. **Candidate** – an individual who expresses interest in or has been identified by a sponsor as a potential recipient of a youth scholarship to attend CDS-BC sponsored camp session(s) at Pinewoods Camp.
- B. **Applicant** – a candidate who applies for a specific CDS-BC dance session and who meets the minimum requirement guidelines.
- C. **Recipient** – an applicant who has been selected for and agrees to receive a full youth scholarship. The recipient attends the camp session, abides by all camp rules, actively participates in camp sponsored activities, performs a camper job while at camp (same as a regular camp participant) and completes the *Recipient Evaluation* including a written

description of camp session experience for publication in CDS Boston News and/or Pinewoods newsletters and/or websites.

- D. Sponsor** – a CDS-BC member who identifies and recruits potential candidates and guides a candidate through the process. The sponsor provides a brief statement to the Grants Committee explaining why the applicant deserves a full scholarship, assists the candidate with the application and camp registration process, identifies a Mentor, and follows up with the recipient to ensure a *Recipient Evaluation* is completed and submitted to the Grants Committee. A candidate may self-identify and become a sponsor.
- E. Mentor** – an experienced CBS-BC camp session attendee over 21 who is assigned to welcome and guide the recipient at camp. The mentor makes introductions, answers questions during the camp session, and takes an interest in the recipient's full participation during the camp session. A parent who is familiar with camp may fill the role of Mentor.
- F. Guardian** (for recipient under 18) – a parent or other person over 25 who attends the camp session to which recipient has been accepted and who takes responsibility for ensuring the recipient follows all camp rules.
- G. Grants Committee** – a CDS-BC committee created to administer the program. The Grants Committee ensures the Youth Scholarship award guidelines are followed, reviews and approves candidates, and communicates with CDS-BC board, PCI rep, and the camp registrars.
- H. CDS-BC Board** – approves the participation of CDS-BC in the program, sets the policy and allocates distribution of scholarship slots across CDS-BC Pinewoods camp sessions.

II. Allocation of Scholarship Slots

The CDS-BC board will allocate the scholarship slots for each camp season following the guidelines provided by PCI. For 2010 camp season, the selection committee may award a maximum of **six** youth scholarships targeted as follows:

- A. First Weekend: 0-2 slots (i.e. max of 2, but awarding 0 or 1 is fine)
- B. 4th of July Weekend: 0-2 slots (i.e. max of 2, but awarding 0 or 1 is fine)
- C. ESS: 1-2 slots (for CDS-BC allocation; RSCDS slots are additional)
- D. Labor Day: 1-2 slots (for CDS-BC allocation; FAC slots are additional)

III. Selection and Award Guidelines

- Criteria for applicant selection

Required:

1. Open to youth who meet the minimum age for participation in adult camp program, typically age 13 or 15 to age 30, inclusive
2. Full-time camper (not staff)
3. Candidate may receive a maximum of one NGI Scholarship award over two contiguous seasons. (there must be at least one camp season in between awards)
4. Exceptions to requirements must be approved by CDS-BC board and by PCI, and will be granted only in compelling cases.

Recommended:

5. Commitment and desire to participate fully
6. Potential leadership qualities
7. Raw talent
8. Newness to camp or session
9. Financial need
10. Candidate otherwise unlikely to attend camp session
11. Candidate for historically undersubscribed session
12. Selection Committee should ensure that candidate is not the lone youth at a session (i.e. award two or more scholarships if youth not ordinarily in attendance at the session)
13. Preference for New England candidates

Posting of Youth Scholarship materials

This policy, procedure, the *Youth Scholarship Application form* and *Recipient Evaluation form* will be posted on the CDS-BC website.