



## YOUTH Membership Assistance Application

**Date of Request:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Information:**

Youth's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Scouting: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

**Assistance Being Requested:** (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_ Registration Fees & Insurance (\$132)    \_\_\_\_ Boy's Life Magazine    \_\_\_\_ Uniform Shirt & Patches

\_\_\_\_ Handbook (please indicate handbook type needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Council or District Activity (list): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Assistance (list): \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Information:**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children Enrolled in Scouting \_\_\_\_\_

Size of family living at the address: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Adults

*Gross Family Income, before taxes: (circle one)*

Below \$30,000    \$30,000 - \$50,000    \$50,000 - \$70,000    \$70,000 - \$100,000    Above \$100,000

Annual Household Salary (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Explanation of Need:**

Specific compelling reasons why fees cannot be afforded: (Attach separate sheet if needed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL - Unit Leader Statement of Support:** (Attach separate sheet if needed)

**Personal Fundraising Efforts:**

Did your Scout participate in the most recent Popcorn Fundraiser? YES NO

If NO, will they participate in the next available Popcorn Fundraiser? YES NO

I would like to learn more about participating in the Popcorn Fundraiser YES NO

How much support (if any) can the Chartered Organization contribute? \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information:**

Annual Dues collected by the Unit (in addition to Council fees) are \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Does your Scout receive free or reduced School Lunch? YES NO

**Financial Assistance Policy:**

- Assistance forms are accepted year round. They are evaluated through a volunteer-led process. Notice of decisions will be communicated via email within 30 days of receipt of application.
- Membership Assistance is granted based on demonstrated financial need and availability of funds.

Since its inception, Scouting has taught that a Scout pays their own way. The membership assistance program has limited resources and is designed to assist our youth members who may not be able to fully participate in the Scouting experience due to circumstance or situation. When Lord Baden Powell ran his first summer camp on Brownsea Island, he asked friends to support the program through financial donations. Today we call this process Friends of Scouting, the annual campaign where we ask all scouting families in the Heart of New England Council to support youth, and raise funds for those families in need of assistance.

**Signatures:**

*"I have read the above Financial Assistance policy and agree that the information provided is accurate"*

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Submit Completed Application to:

Heart of New England Council  
1980 Lunenburg Road, Lancaster MA 01523

or email to: [HNE@scouting.org](mailto:HNE@scouting.org)