

Northern Star Scouting National Jamboree 2026 Scholarship Program

1. Purpose

The process for providing **financial assistance** to Northern Star Scouting youth members for the 2026 National Jamboree. Our goal is to ensure financial barriers don't prevent eligible Scouts from participating, aiming for **equitable representation**.

2. Key Procedures: Funding & Identification

Any Scout who first applies for and receives another scholarship including from Scouting America will not impact their application with Northern Star Scouting. The council may authorize up to \$800 per youth.

The Scouting America Jamboree request form can be found **here**.

Northern Star Scouting's Jamboree request form can be found here.

- **2.1. Identify Interested Youth: Contingent Leaders** will build lists of Scouts interested but not yet committed due to financial concerns.
- 2.2. Leader Outreach: Contingent Leaders will contact interested Scouts to:
 - o Ask: "What can your family afford?"
 - o Require: "You need to participate in the popcorn and tree sale."
 - o Confirm: "Once you meet your share, we'll cover the difference."

2.3. Prioritization & Disbursement

- Prioritize Aid: The Jamboree Committee will prioritize scholarships based on:
 - Age: Older Scouts (closer to aging out).
 - o **Need:** Lower amounts, to help the greatest number.
 - Engagement: Participation in fundraising.
- Enhanced Support: Youth in council-paid units may receive over \$800.
- Disbursement: Funds are disbursed only after the family pays their share.