



## Deer Hill Foundation

### Information about Financial Aid Request

Greetings from Southwest Colorado. We at the Deer Hill Foundation (DHF) are glad that you are interested in our programs and are pleased to help you with your request for financial aid. The non-profit Deer Hill Foundation was started in 1998 to provide financial aid to young people who could benefit from a Deer Hill Expeditions (DHE) program but cannot afford the full cost. DHF grants now reduce tuition costs for 25% DHE's summer program participants. Here are some important things to keep in mind when you apply to the Foundation:

1) **Financial aid is available for tuition only.** You will have other costs such as personal items, the DHE Store fee (see below), and round trip transportation to and from your home to the Durango Airport or DHE's Basecamp in Mancos, Colorado.

2) **You'll need special personal gear and clothing** to live in the wilderness or on a service project. You will be responsible for certain personal items such as footwear and some items of clothing. The DHE Store offers a package, which contains the other items that you will need at a deep discount of \$250. This package is described in detail in the Program Information Packet (PIP) that we will send you after you are accepted into a program.

3) The DHF Board of Trustees wishes to support as many deserving candidates as possible. **Full scholarships are rare.** When you fill out the DHF application, you will see that we ask you to identify additional sources of funding such as family friends, relatives, and local businesses and nonprofits. If you have a part-time job, perhaps you can save some of your earnings, or your employer might be willing to contribute towards your tuition. These are just a few ideas. Your efforts toward making a personal contribution demonstrate your desire to attend a DHE program.

4) **Financial aid is based on the merits of an application and financial need.** We ask that you include with your application a copy of your parent(s)' most current 1040 tax return. If they file separately, we will need both of their returns.

5) **Do not send any money at this time.** We will contact you soon as soon as your application is complete. If your application is successful, we will send you information to help you prepare for your program, including payment details.

6) You are in competition with many students seeking financial aid. **Submit your application as soon as you can.** There is a checklist on the Application for Financial Aid that will remind you of what you need to send in to complete your application. If you have any questions, please call the DHE Basecamp at 970.533.7492 or 800.533.7221. You can also contact us via email at [suzanne@deerhillexpeditions.com](mailto:suzanne@deerhillexpeditions.com). We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Douglas D. Capelin  
*Executive Director*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's name \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer to be called \_\_\_\_\_ Father's occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ Father's address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant email \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's occupation \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's address \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade \_\_\_\_\_ Adult t-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Program (first choice) \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Program (second choice) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send correspondence to:  Parents  Father  Mother  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Please bill:  Parents  Father  Mother  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES**

We require two letters of reference. Choose two individuals (not family) who can comment on 1) your character, 2) your community involvement, 3) qualities you might bring to a new experience, and 4) anything else he/she would like to tell us about you. You may collect these letters and mail them in with your application, or they can be sent directly to Deer Hill by the author of your reference. Please get their permission for us to call them, too.

Reference #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please give us the name(s) of anyone who was important in your decision to apply to Deer Hill: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL NEED** (to be completed with parent or guardian)

We will consider any factors which affect your need for financial assistance. Please explain such circumstances and their relevance on a separate piece of paper.

Dollar amounts available for tuition from: Supporting adult(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other sources (relatives, family friends, local businesses, fundraising): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount available: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MORE ABOUT YOU**

On a separate sheet, please answer all of these questions thoughtfully. **There are no right or wrong answers.**

1. How would your family and friends describe you?
  2. What personal qualities will you bring to Deer Hill which will benefit the group?
  3. Why Deer Hill?
  4. What else would you like for us to know about you?
  5. Describe any medical conditions (physical, emotional or otherwise) which might affect your health or well-being, the well-being of others, or affect your ability to participate in program activities. Describe any treatment or care by a physician for this condition(s), including prescribed medications, within the last two years. Ask your parents for help with this.  Not applicable.
  6. Do you exercise regularly?  Yes  No If "yes", please describe
- What is your swimming ability level?  Non-swimmer  Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced/strong swimmer

**Application checklist:**  2010 Application and Terms of Agreement signed by applicant and parent/guardian

Most recent 1040 tax return  Two letters of reference  Written answers to all essay questions



**DHE PROGRAM APPLICATION 2010  
DHF APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID**



# Deer Hill Expeditions (DHE)

## Terms of Agreement

**Application Procedure and Selection:** The application is part of this Terms of Agreement. When we have received your Application and signed Terms of Agreement, we will contact you by postcard, e-mail, or phone confirming receipt. Applications are reviewed in the order in which they are received. Reference letters are read; references may be called. After consultation with the Trustees of DHF, you will be notified of the amount of financial aid you will receive. Once accepted, you will receive a Program Information Packet (PIP) containing information and forms, including a DHE Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk & Release and Indemnity Agreement, and medical form. These forms contain important information associated with your DHE experience, the risks associated with the activities and your responsibilities. Please read and complete these forms carefully. All forms must be completed and signed by the applicant and parent (in the case of minors). **Final acceptance to a DHE program is contingent on our communications with applicant, parent, and others (e.g. physician, references), and on our receipt and review of the application and all forms.**

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due May 1, 2010. Applicant will be notified by DHF of amount due. Full payment to DHE includes program tuition plus a \$250 Outfitting Store Fee.

Your deposit will be fully refunded if the applicant is not accepted. Otherwise, all tuition payment refunds will be made based on the number of days since we sent you the Program Information Packet (PIP). Refunds will be made as follows:

- 100% refund up to 30 days after we send you the PIP
- 50% refund up to 45 days after we send you the PIP
- No refunds beyond 45 days after we send you the PIP
- For applications finalized after April 15- Full payment is due and no refunds given 15 days after we send you the PIP.

If DHE cancels a program before its start, for any reason, all payments will be fully refunded. If it is necessary to cancel a program after its start date, DHE will refund the unused portion of the tuition. DHE reserves the right to change a program's location or duration because of unusual meteorological or other conditions.

DHE is not responsible for the costs incurred by Parents due to DHE's changing the date or cancellation of any program. DHE encourages Parents to purchase trip insurance, in the event of program changes or withdrawal from the program after full payment has been made.

Participant and his/her Parent or legal guardian (hereafter collectively Parent or Parents) acknowledge that if participant is dismissed or departs early from a program, for any reason, no refunds can be granted. Participant and his/her Parent are responsible for all costs of early departure whether for medical reasons, dismissal, personal emergencies or otherwise.

*Our refund policy is based upon the seasonal nature of our business. The investment of time and money required to hire staff and to purchase food, equipment and federal land agency permits, necessitates that your payments be made in advance of the summer program. DHE cannot alter agreements and arrangements made with its suppliers, government agencies and employees to accommodate a participant's withdrawal from a program.*

### **PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOR:**

Both the Parent and his/her participating son/daughter understand that for the health and welfare of all members of a DHE program, participants are expected to behave appropriately throughout the program. Deer Hill is designed as a group experience. DHE reserves the right to dismiss any participant from the program that staff believe, in their discretion, presents a safety concern or medical risk, is disruptive, or otherwise conducts him/herself in a manner detrimental to the program. Use of illegal drugs, tobacco products or alcohol, engaging in sexual harassment or sexual activity, developing and maintaining exclusionary relationships apart from the group, or disregarding instructions are examples of conduct that DHE considers detrimental to the program, and that can lead to early dismissal.

**EQUIPMENT LOSS OR DAMAGE:** Participant (and his/her Parent) are fully responsible for lost, stolen or damaged (DHE accepts normal wear and tear) equipment, and agrees to pay for any damage or loss. DHE is not responsible for loss or damage to participant's personal belongings.

**PHOTO RELEASE:** DHE, or individuals or entities authorized by DHE, may photograph and/or videotape program activities. Unless we receive your objection in writing before the start of the program, the Parent authorizes DHE to use the son's/daughter's or Parent's photo, video image, or quotations from correspondence for sale or reproduction, in any manner DHE desires, for advertising, display, audiovisual or other use.

**NON-DISCRIMINATION:** DHE does not discriminate in its respective employment or admissions policies on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, national or ethnic origin, age or disability.

**For all Applicants and Parents:** I have accurately completed the Application and have read, understand and agree to the Terms of Agreement outlined here. I have disclosed any information regarding my son's/daughter's medical treatment, as per Question #5 in the DHE application. I agree that failure to disclose such information at the time of application may result in exclusion or dismissal from the program and forfeiture of any funds previously paid to DHE. I also agree to inform DHE about any injury or illness, or the prescribing of any medication by a physician from the date indicated below until the beginning of my son's/daughter's program. The Parent gives his/her son/daughter permission to participate in all DHE program activities, at or away from Basecamp. All aspects of participant or Parent relationship with DHE will be governed by Colorado law, and any mediation, suit, or other dispute with DHE must be filed or entered into only in Montezuma County in the state of Colorado. *A Parent or legal guardian must sign below if participant is under 18 years of age.*

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_