

NEW BYLAWS ADDITION – ARTICLE IV.C:

TROOP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND

- I. Purpose: The Troop may maintain a Financial Assistance Fund (“FAF”) for the purpose of providing financial assistance to Scouts whose families are financially unable to engage in Scouting or who are so financially disadvantaged that it is difficult for them to participate in Scouts and scouting activities.
- II. Funding and management
 - A. Funding for the FAF may come from any source including but not limited to:
 - a. Corporate and/or business sponsors and donations;
 - i. The Committee may upon majority vote choose to recognize such sponsors by placing advertisements or acknowledgements on the Troop’s webpage, trailer(s), or otherwise.
 - ii. The Treasurer shall provide the sponsor with a letter acknowledging the amount of donation for tax purposes.
 - b. Individual donations identified as donations to the FAF;
 - c. Troop fundraising activity provided such fundraising activity is identified for the FAF prior to the fundraising event;
 - d. From any other source identified by the Committee.
 - e. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Committee shall not authorize transfers or payments from the General Fund to fund the FAF.
 - B. The Treasurer shall maintain a separate book account for purposes of management of the FAF.
- III. USE OF FAF
 - A. An eligible Scout, as defined below, may apply for assistance for a qualifying cost (“Qualifying Cost”) from the FAF for use for payment for: :
 - a. One (1) Class A shirt; One (1) Class B Troop 1 shirt; and Troop Hat;
 - b. Troop camping fees including any additional activity fees;
 - c. Registration/recharter fees and Troop dues, if any.
 - d. Summer resident camp provided the Scout first applies for assistance from the District and Council, if available. The FAF funds may be used to pay any balance remaining after District/Council assistance.
 - e. Any other item or activity approved by a majority vote of the Committee.
 - B. FAF funds may not be used for:
 - a. High adventure activity;
 - b. National Scout Jamboree.
 - C. In the event the Troop utilizes or maintains “Scout Accounts”, then a Scout shall not be eligible for FAF assistance until his/her Scout Account is exhausted.
- IV. APPLICATION PROCESS AND CONFIDENTIALITY
 - A. All requests or inquiries to any leader or committee member concerning financial assistance shall be kept in strict confidence. All persons inquiring about the FAF shall be directed to the Committee Chair.

- B. The Committee Chair shall maintain a form to be completed by the Scout/Scout Parent who requests financial assistance. The form shall minimize the requested information and shall inquire only as to: (1) Name; (2) Whether the family is a single parent family or whether other special circumstances exist in the family, e.g. a disability, foster home, grandparent or other relative raising the scout; (3) Number of persons in the household; and (4) Gross annual family income as reported on the last year's tax return. Reporting of the above information shall be based on the Honor system pursuant to the Scout Law.
- C. Inspection of the completed FAF Form shall be available to Treasurer.
- D. Inspection of the completed FAF Form with the Scout's / Family's name redacted shall be available to any Committee Member upon request.

V. Eligibility

- A. Eligibility shall be based on the Federal Poverty Level as published by the federal government and reprinted below subject to the below table:

Number in Family	Poverty	1.5 x	2.0 x	2.5 x	3.0x	3.5x
1	\$12,880	\$19,320	\$25,760	\$32,200	\$38,640	\$51,520
2	\$17,420	\$26,130	\$34,840	\$43,550	\$52,260	\$69,680
3	\$21,960	\$32,940	\$43,920	\$54,900	\$65,880	\$87,840
4	\$26,500	\$39,750	\$53,000	\$66,250	\$79,500	\$106,000
5	\$31,040	\$46,560	\$62,080	\$77,600	\$93,120	\$124,160
6	\$35,580	\$53,370	\$71,160	\$88,950	\$106,740	\$142,320
7	\$40,120	\$60,180	\$80,240	\$100,300	\$120,360	\$160,480
8	\$44,660	\$66,990	\$89,320	\$111,650	\$133,980	\$178,640

- B. A Scout's eligibility for financial assistance shall be determined by using the income level for a family of the same number in the left-hand column above. In the event a Scout is from a one (1) parent family, or a foster home, or being raised by someone other than the child's parents, then the family size for determining eligibility shall be the actual family size plus one.
- C. For an eligible Scout, the following payment scale shall be used for Qualifying Costs:
 - a. If the family is at poverty level or less, one hundred percent (100%) of the Qualifying Costs shall be paid from the FAF.
 - b. If the family is above poverty level, but less than 1.5x poverty level, ninety percent (90%) of the Qualifying Costs shall be paid from the FAF and the balance paid by the Scout.
 - c. If the family is above 1.5 x poverty level, but less than 2.0x poverty level, seventy-five percent (75%) of the Qualifying Costs shall be paid from the FAF and the balance paid by the Scout.

- d. If the family is above 2.0 x poverty level, but less than 2.5x poverty level, sixty-five percent (65%) of the Qualifying Costs shall be paid from the FAF and the balance paid by the Scout.
- e. If the family is above 2.5x poverty level, but less than 3.0x poverty level, fifty percent (50%) of the Qualifying Costs shall be paid from the FAF and the balance paid by the Scout.
- f. If the family is above 3.0 x poverty level, but less than 3.5 twenty-five percent (25%) of the Qualifying Costs shall be paid from the FAF and the balance paid by the Scout.
- g. Any Scout whose family income is greater than 3.5 x poverty level shall not be eligible for FAF assistance.