

Canopy Studio Scholarship & Financial Aid Policy

Canopy Studio offers financial aid for students and families for classes, camps, and, in some cases, private lessons. The Canopy Board of Directors is solely responsible for the allocation of financial aid funds, with administrative assistance from the Outreach Director. Any appeals must be made directly to the Board prior to each session. There is no guarantee that funds will be available each session or that the Board will provide funding for scholarships for any particular session.

Application Process

Students or parents/guardians of students must submit a scholarship application and proof(s) once annually. Initial submissions received less than 3 weeks prior to the start of a session may be deferred to the following session. After the initial application and between 3 weeks and 5 weeks before the start of each session, the Outreach Director will confirm students' needs for subsequent sessions to submit for approval to the Board. Applications will be available by paper copy in the studio, printable and fillable pdf online, and by an online form.

Proofs

Submission of **one** of the following with the application once per year is required:

- Federal Tax Return from the current or previous year (Please black out any social security numbers for safety)
- One month of pay stubs from the month or previous month of application
- IEP or 504 Cover Letter or EIP or transition plan if graduating high school
- Referral from a partner organization (ABHS, ESP, Butterfly Dreams, GA Options, etc)
- Or, if you cannot provide any of the above, a Letter of Extenuating Circumstances explaining your situation

Canopy uses the [current Federal Poverty Level guidelines](#) published each year by the US Department of Health and Human Services. The Board will take into account FPL household level to determine the percentage of scholarship that will be awarded.

Scholarships for Classes or Camps

Students who have a referral from one of our partner agencies, who have documented disabilities, or have a financial need all may apply for a scholarship for any regularly scheduled class. Only one class per session per applicant will be considered. In some instances financial aid may additionally be awarded for students requiring a 1:1 instructor within a class setting. The Outreach Director will register students for their class and set up any remaining balance to be automatically drafted.

Students may receive assistance for only one week of camp, regardless of financial need or disability. Students who qualify will be awarded a scholarship for either Camp or Classes, not both, within a single session.

Scholarship for Private Lessons

Students who have a referral from one of our "partner" agencies (ESP, ABHS, or Butterfly Dreams) or who have documented disabilities (an IEP or 504 from a school district) can be considered for scholarships for private lessons. The Outreach Director will work with Canopy trained instructors to determine the amount/duration of lessons. Students will work directly with their instructor to schedule lessons.

Work/Trade Scholarships

Depending on the application numbers, the applicant's financial situation, and a student's demonstrated commitment to Canopy, a partial scholarship, half scholarship/half work trade or just some work/trade hours may be awarded. All work/trade students will receive class credits as agreed on between the Board and the student before work is completed and will be responsible for registering for their class(es), as well as any balance not covered by the work/trade scholarship.