

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo—Opportunity Fund Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions

Qualifying Organizations:

The Opportunity Fund provides scholarship funds to Title One schools in the Pikes Peak region seeking support to participate in an education program on Zoo grounds. Qualifying education programs include Zoo Exploration Tours and Docent Tours.

Application Process:

Please fill out the Opportunity Fund application found on the Zoo's website on the Zoo Exploration Tours or Docent Tours pages. Please send your completed application to edprograms@cmzoo.org or fax it to the Zoo at (719) 633-2254. Please note in many cases the scholarship award will be less than the amount requested, allowing the Zoo to accommodate a greater number of requests.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Is my school eligible to apply for scholarship funding?

If your school is classified Title One School (school wide or targeted assistance as listed on the Colorado Dept. of Education website) and you are located in the Pikes Peak Region, you may apply to the Opportunity Fund for scholarship funds to participate in a Zoo Exploration Tour or Docent Tour.

Can we apply for scholarship fund for a self-guided field trip?

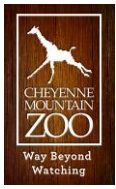
The Zoo will only provide scholarship funds to schools interested in participating in a formal education program on Zoo grounds, such as Zoo Exploration Tours or Docent lead tour. Please visit our programs for visiting schools for more information on these tours.

How do we apply? And when is the application due?

The Opportunity Fund application is located on our web-pages for Zoo Exploration Tours and Docent Tours. Please complete the application and e-mail it to edprograms@cmzoo.org or fax it to the Zoo at (719) 633-2254. We ask that you submit your scholarship application one month prior to the requested date for your program.

Will we receive all the funding we ask for?

As you can imagine, the Opportunity Fund receives numerous requests for scholarship funds each application cycle. As a non-profit organization ourselves, we are simply not able to fund all the requests received. The total numbers of scholarship requests received will help determine the scholarship award each school may receive. In many cases, the



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How will we know if our request was approved? When will we receive notification?

The Zoo will review all scholarship applications as received and will contact you with our decision within two weeks of the date received.

Can we request scholarship funds more than once a year?

We ask that you submit only one application per year. The Zoo has limited scholarship funds available through the Opportunity Fund. Our goal is to ensure we are serving a variety of schools throughout our community.

Why are we asked to pay \$0.75 for admission?

The Zoo donates 75 cents of every admission to the Quarters for Conservation Program. On every visit, guests receive “quarter” tokens to vote for a conservation project that inspires them. Guest votes help determine how much funding each project will receive from Quarter for Conservation. Project information is posed at the voting stations located inside the entry plaza, just past the admission booth. We feel this personal engagement in preserving wildlife is an important part of the learning experience the Zoo provides.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact edprograms@cmzoo.org.