

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo – Zoo for All Fund Scholarship Guidelines

Qualifying Organizations

Organizations requesting scholarship funding for admission to the Zoo must be a nonprofit tax exempt 501(c)(3) providing services to families in need in the Pikes Peak Region. An emphasis will be placed on organizations providing preventative services to help strengthen families.

Organizations must demonstrate a financial need and be able to articulate how a visit to the Zoo helps fulfill their mission. Political groups and sports teams are not eligible to apply to the *Zoo for All Fund*.

Application Process and Zoo Admission

Please fill out the *Zoo for All Scholarship Fund* application found online and return it to the Zoo. The Zoo will review requests every 60 days, beginning on May 1 of the year and distributes a set number of tickets to approved organizations. Please note: In some cases, the ticket award may be smaller than the amount originally requested so we can accommodate a variety of organizations.

Please note: All organizations utilizing the *Zoo for All Fund*, must have tickets in hand to be admitted to the Zoo.

FAQ

Is my organization eligible to apply for tickets?

If your organization is a nonprofit tax exempt 501(c)(3) providing services to families in need in the Pikes Peak Region, and you have a financial need, you may apply to the *Zoo for All Fund*.

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

Complete the application and e-mail it to scholarship@cmzoo.org or fax it to the Zoo at (719) 633-2254, attention Scholarship Committee. Requests are reviewed every 60 days beginning May 1 of the current year. We ask that you please plan accordingly.

How many tickets can we ask for? Will we receive all that we ask for?

Please ask for only what you need. The total number of requests received by the Zoo will determine the total number of tickets each organization is awarded. In some cases the ticket award may be smaller than the amount originally requested so we can accommodate a variety of organizations.

How will we know if our request was approved, and when will we receive tickets?

The Zoo will review all scholarship applications and inform organizations via e-mail of the decision within one week of scholarship review. Tickets will then be mailed to approved organizations.

Can we request tickets more than once a year?

You may request tickets more than once a year. However, please remember qualifying organizations that have not received tickets will be given first priority. Our goal is to ensure we are serving a variety of organizations throughout our community.

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What if a client forgets their tickets when they visit the Zoo?

Each organization is responsible for distributing tickets to their clients. Clients will not be admitted to the Zoo without their tickets in hand.

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 conservation projects that inspires them. Guest votes help determine how much funding each project will receive from Quarters 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 \$0.75 per admission is a hardship for your organization please inform the scholarship committee on the application.

When will the tickets expire? The tickets will expire on the following April 30.

Are the tickets good for special events?

The tickets distributed through the *Zoo for All Fund* are valid for regular Zoo admission only. Tickets can not be used for special events such as Electric Safari or Boo at the Zoo.

What if we lose our tickets?

The tickets distributed are official Zoo admission tickets. The Zoo cannot replace any tickets awarded through the *Zoo for All Fund*.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Scholarship Committee at scholarship@cmzoo.org.