

Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning 2026–2027 Financial Aid Application

Family Last Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State & Zip _____
 Telephone # _____

Date _____

RMSEL Student Last Name(s):	RMSEL Student First Name(s):	Crew Leader's Name:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Household Members and Monthly Income:

Names of Household Members Not Listed Above	Gross Monthly Earnings From All Jobs (before deductions)	Monthly Income: Welfare, Child Support and Alimony Payments	Monthly Income: Payments from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	Any Other Monthly Income

Please attach a copy of the complete 2025 federal income tax return(s) for both parents in the household as this is how the USDA calculates the income eligibility guidelines. Applications will not be processed without a copy of your tax return(s).

SIGNATURE

I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of financial aid at the Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning; that school officials may verify the information on the application; and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information will result in the loss of any financial aid awarded to me. I also understand that failure to provide the information asked for above in a complete and thorough manner could also result in the loss of any financial aid awarded to me. I understand that this financial aid application is valid for one year only. In the event I would like financial aid in a future school year, I know that I must request and complete a financial aid application for that year.

Applicant Signature

Date

For a complete explanation of RMSEL's Financial Aid Policy, see the other side of this application.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Application Received _____
Received By _____

Date Reviewed By Director of Operations _____
Date Response Mailed _____

Financial Aid Policy

Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals according to federal guidelines will be eligible for full or partial financial aid for fieldwork, transportation, supply, and technology fees. Financial aid does not apply to any landmark trip fees.

Income Eligibility Guidelines for 2026-2027 School Year

Household Size	Fee waived for annual income up to and including:	Half fee for income up to and including:
1	20,748	29,526
2	28,132	40,034
3	35,516	50,542
4	42,900	61,050
5	50,284	71,558
6	57,668	82,066
7	65,052	92,574
8	72,436	103,082
For each additional family member	Add 7,384	Add 10,508

Eligibility: Figures are updated annually from the income eligibility guidelines provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines.

Availability: The amount of financial aid available is limited. Financial aid will be awarded in the order that completed applications with the accompanying 2025 federal income tax return(s) are received.

Application: Families must complete a financial aid application form and return it along with a copy of their 2025 federal income tax return to the RMSEL main office. No financial aid will be awarded until the application has been approved by the Director of Operations. Families will be notified in writing to confirm or deny eligibility for financial aid.

Deadline: The deadline for submitting a financial aid application is October 31, 2026.

Verification: Eligibility may be checked at any time during the year. The school may request additional information to verify eligibility.

Fair Hearing: If a family is not satisfied with the school's decision regarding eligibility for financial aid, they may call or write the RMSEL Executive Director to request a hearing.

Confidentiality: Information regarding financial aid will be used by the school to decide eligibility for financial aid alone and will not be released to any other program or used for any other purpose without written instructions from the family.

Applicant Signature

Date