

It Pay\$ to be a Contributing Member



WOW! Benefits of membership in the Carolina Kayak Club just got better. The CKC Board has been thinking of ways to:

- Thank members who have volunteered service to the club.
- Provide incentives to club members to volunteer their services.
- Provide a means for skill building of club members that all will benefit from.

What better way than to offer scholarship funds! This year (2010), \$1500 is being made available as scholarship funds to help defray costs of kayak symposiums, kayak skill classes, instructor training/certification classes, and other classes related to our sport (i.e. Wilderness Medicine, guiding and leadership, navigation, etc...). In this way, not only will the scholarship recipient benefit, but all club members will ultimately benefit from this means of continuing to provide additional skills among the more active members in our club, who volunteer to provide opportunities for the general membership. It's a win-win for everyone.



Each year, the Board will set aside funds for scholarships from any previous years remaining balance, to be used during the next fiscal year. This year (2010) we have available the following:

1. A total of \$900 available to help defray various tuition fees, up to a maximum of \$200 per recipient.
2. Two \$300 scholarships to eligible members interested in instructor training and/or certification costs (ACA or BCU). This would include symposium fees for anyone taking instructor training or certification classes during the symposium.

All scholarship money is to be used for tuition only; travel/accommodation expenses are not included. No more than one scholarship award available per year per person.

Who is eligible? All CKC members who have provided service to the club by volunteering as trip organizers, class instructors, class assistants, committee members or chairs, or other out-of-the ordinary and above-ordinary service to the club.

Applications are made after service is completed and we'll consider service provided within the past 2 years. Scholarship money can be used for either an upcoming event or for a refund of a class already taken (if with-in the current year). Awards are granted through the Cruise and Training Chairpersons, based on a first come first serve basis until the current years funds are depleted. Club members can only apply for one scholarship award per year.

It's very difficult to quantify "what and how much" constitutes "enough" volunteerism to be eligible for the scholarship award, especially as we begin this program. This first year will likely tell us a lot and will allow us to have more concrete criteria for future. Until then, we will make ever attempt to be as far as possible.