

Camp CHLA FAQs

Do you reimburse for travel expenses?

Participants will need to provide their own transportation to and from Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Parking validations will be provided to students who drive. Students who take public transportation may qualify for assistance. For eligibility please contact campchla@chla.usc.edu.

Can I apply if I'm a senior?

No, the camp is only available to high school students who are currently freshman, sophomores, or juniors during the time of the application process.

Are there other opportunities for high school students to gain health care experience?

Yes, please visit this page to view information about volunteer opportunities at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and requirements:

http://www.chla.org/site/c.ipINKTOAJsG/b.3761949/k.7ED9/Volunteer_in_Our_Hospital.htm

Who can write my recommendation?

A teacher or school counselor should write the recommendation.

Can I get volunteer hours for school for attending camp?

No, this is not considered a volunteering experience. You are attending camp for your own opportunity to learn and to help you plan for your future career.

How will I know if I have been accepted?

Applicants who are not selected will be notified via email. The accepted applicants will receive a phone call in addition to an email invitation. If you are chosen and accept the invitation to attend camp, you will be emailed directions regarding health clearance paperwork and submitting a copy of your immunization records and TB test.

If I applied for one camp and did not get in, can I just submit the same application to be considered for the next camp?

No, we recommend obtaining a new recommendation if possible and changing your essay at least a little.

Can I attend the camp more than once?

If you have attended a previous camp session, you may not attend as a camper again. In some cases, past campers have been able to return as camp volunteers. Camp volunteers help prepare for camp and assist in running day-to-day operations. Please email campchla@chla.usc.edu to obtain more information about our camp volunteer application process. To be a camp volunteer, you need to be at least a high school senior or in college.

Can I miss school to attend?

We do not recommend missing school to attend camp. However, this is a decision that ultimately needs to be made by the camper, parents and school administrators.

What if I can't attend all five full days of camp?

It is an expectation that all campers attend every day of camp. If you are accepted to attend camp and are unable to do so, please inform the camp administrator immediately. There might be an opportunity to attend a future camp, if you still meet the application criteria.

What are the criteria for choosing applicants?

Every application packet is reviewed twice by the Camp CHLA Committee. The criteria include meeting the eligibility requirements, properly submitting your application on time, presenting strong recommendations and providing a well-written essay. The essay must demonstrate an eagerness to learn, a genuine interest in the health care field, as well as an explanation of why the applicant should be selected to attend Camp CHLA.

Is there a waiting list?

Yes, we have a waiting list. If an accepted camper is no longer able to attend, we will notify the next student on the waiting list via phone or email.

What is the dress code?

Campers must follow the same dress code policy as paid employees and should present a conservative, professional appearance at all times. Each camper will receive two pairs of Camp CHLA scrubs and they must wear their scrubs and Camp CHLA ID at all times. Campers working directly with children may not wear artificial nails. In addition, natural nails may be no longer than the fingertip. Shoes should be clean, and sandals, flip flops, and open toe shoes are prohibited. Hair should be neat and well-groomed, and any jewelry should be kept to a minimum and not pose a safety hazard to other campers or patients.



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Underwear must be worn and should not be visible outside or through clothing. Tattoos, branding and body art must be concealed at all times by using a skin-toned patch, a long sleeve or other clothing item. Campers must have proper hygiene and should refrain from using any types of strongly scented products. Campers who fail to comply with the uniform policies must go home for the day.