**Star Gathering Application for Financial Assistance**

The Star Gathering Financial Assistance program is funded by voluntary contributions from conference members as well as various fundraisers throughout the year. The program provides assistance to old and new Shoalers (former or new Star Gathering Conference attendees) who would otherwise be unable to attend the conference. Our goal is to make sure everyone is able to attend our spirit’s home!

To request assistance, please submit this completed application to the Star Gathering FA Chair, **Debbie Duval** by email at **debbieduva@aol.com** or mail to **4 Catherine Road Framingham, MA 01701**. Please submit the application after registering - applications are due by **June 1st**. Note that all applications are confidential and you will receive notifications of a decision by **June 15th**.

If last minute need arises after June 1st, please still apply. We will review the request and make a decision as quickly as possible based on available funds. We can make no guarantees after June 1, but will provide assistance to as many applicants as our budget permits.

Please note that you may apply for assistance from both the SIC and SIUCC Financial Aid Funds, but once notified you may accept only one award. The deadline for notifying SIC and SIUCC of your decision is June 30 for SG I Family, SGI Youth and SGII Family or July 31 for SG Family Weekend.

We want to assist as many shoalers as possible, so we ask that you apply only for the amount absolutely needed to cover room and board (after registration fees and deposits). Parking and on-island costs are not covered by financial assistance.

**Please complete the following information:**

Please use the yellow fields in chart below to calculate the total amount of financial assistance you are requesting from SIUCC. Please note that Financial Aid awards are based on the Standard Shared Room rate regardless of requested room type (such as motel or single):

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| **Conference** | **Age Group** | **R&B Rate** | **Number Attending** | **Total Cost** |
| **SG 1** | Adults (18+)  | $1,006 |  |  |
|  | Youth (12-17)  | $666 |   |   |
|  | Children\* (6-11)  | $466 |   |   |
| **SG 2** | Adults (18+)  | $1,006 |   |   |
|  | Youth (12-17) | $666 |   |   |
|  | Children\* (6-11) | $466 |   |   |
| **SG Youth** | Youth | $666 |   |   |
| **SG Family Weekend** | Adults (18+) - 3 Night | $459 |   |   |
|  | Adults (18+) - 2 Night | $353 |   |   |
|  | Youth (12-17) - 3 Night | $310 |   |   |
|   | Youth (12-17) - 2 Night | $239 |   |   |
|   | Children\* (6-11) - 3 Night | $216 |   |   |
|   | Children\* (6-11) - 2 Night | $165 |   |   |
|   |  | **Total cost of your Room and Board**  |   |
|  | **Subtract Room and Board Deposit you paid\*\*** |   |
| \*Children under 6 pay no R&B fee \*\*If R&B deposit was not paid at registration, it will be subtracted from the overall award | **Room & Board balance due on island**  |   |

**What portion of the balance can you contribute yourself? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Total amount requested in assistance for 2019 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Names and ages (at the time of the conference) of all those included in the request:**

**Contact telephone number and email:**

**Please list any Star Gathering conferences previously attended by year, as well as any other relationship you have had with Star Island, such as Pelican or volunteer experience, donor, personal retreater, and/or attendance at other conferences.**

**Is there anything else you would like us to know?**

Signature.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for applying!**

Yours sincerely,

The SIUCC Financial Aid Committee