



Jewish United Fund  
OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

## **Residential Summer Camp Scholarship Basics**

### **ELIGIBLE CAMPS**

Agudah Midwest/B'nos Ma'arava, B'nai Brith Beber Camp, Camp Chi, Habonim Camp Tavor, Camp Moshava Wildrose, Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI), Camp Ramah Wisconsin, Yeshivas HaKayitz, Camp Nageela Midwest, Camp Young Judea Midwest, and Chavayah.

### **CAMPER ELIGIBILITY**

- Current 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders (3<sup>rd</sup> graders must turn 9 by the end of the school year)
- Campers attending special-needs camp programs can be older
- Camp session must be 19 days or longer
- Only camp-based sessions are eligible (not travel programs that keep campers out of camp more than 50% of the time)
- Reduced-fee junior counselor, counselor-in-training, or work-camp programs are *not* eligible for Federation scholarships

### **FAMILY ELIGIBILITY**

- Family must live in the 6-county Federation service area: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties
- Must demonstrate financial need: families making in excess of \$130,000 should contact us BEFORE submitting an application

### **FAMILIES CAN APPLY FOR**

- More than one child, as long as all children meet eligibility guidelines for age, camp, and session length/type
- Multiple years, if financial assistance is needed for multiple summers

### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Camper must be registered for camp before submitting a scholarship application
- All requested financial information and documentation must be provided
- Applications must be submitted to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment no later than February 15, 2018
- For questions related to Jewish Federation guidelines, please email [jewishcamp@juf.org](mailto:jewishcamp@juf.org) or call 312-444-2895.
- For questions related to the FACTS process, please call FACTS at 866-441-4637.

## RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FAQs

**Q. *When is the application deadline and when will we hear about the award?***

**A:** The final deadline for submission of your completed application is February 15, 2018. FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will be conducting the scholarship process and must include:

- FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment application
- Your most recent (2016) federal income tax return (including all schedules and statements)
- Your 2017 W-2 forms
- \$30 application fee

All supporting documents can be uploaded in pdf format online or faxed to 866-315-9264 or mailed to the address below. Please be sure to include the applicant ID on all faxed or mailed correspondence.

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment  
P.O. Box 82524  
Lincoln, NE 68501-2524

Please note that Federation will not consider scholarship applications unless they are submitted complete by the above-mentioned deadline, show a good faith effort to provide all the required information and provide information which is consistent for the current year as well as with information provided on any previous applications.

You will be notified of the scholarship decision by email by late April. Note that an application for scholarship does *not* guarantee that a scholarship will be awarded.

**Q. *How much are the scholarship awards and who determines how much my child will receive?***

**A:** The awards range anywhere from \$250-\$1,500/camper. Final decisions are made by the Federation Scholarship Committee.

**Q. *I'm nervous about submitting my tax forms, who sees them?***

**A:** All information received from families and camps will be handled with strict confidentiality. Names and other identifying information will not be included in any materials sent to the Scholarship Committee.

**Q: *Where else can I get funding to help pay for camp?***

**A:** We realize that camp is expensive and that Federation scholarships are just a piece of the puzzle, with other pieces coming from the family, the camp, and the congregation (if applicable), so any family applying for a Federation scholarship must also apply for assistance to the camp and, when possible, from their congregation. Federation provides first-time camper grants through One Happy Camper or Camp Coupons to all eligible families ([www.onehappycamper.org](http://www.onehappycamper.org)).