

Temple Beth Tzedek Camp Scholarship Guidebook

Helping every child experience the joy of Jewish camp

Who's Eligible?

- Children ages **5 - 17** from **TBT member households in good standing**
- Attending a **nonprofit Jewish overnight or day camp** recognized by the [Foundation for Jewish Camp](#), or participating in a USY Teen program (i.e., USY on Wheels).
- First time camper families must first **apply for funds** through [One Happy Camper](#).
- Applications must be **on time and complete**; previous mitzvah commitments must be fulfilled.

Key Dates

- **February 10:** Applications open
- **March 15:** Final deadline
- **April 8:** Award notifications (appeals due within 7 days)
- **May 1:** Scholarship funds sent **directly to camps**
- **September 15:** Post-camp mitzvah plan submitted
- **May 31 (following year):** Mitzvah commitment completed

What's Required

- Application
- Camp details (acceptance letter or invoice)
- Proof of **all external aid applications**
- Camper's short essay/response (written, audio, or video)
- Draft **Post-Camp Mitzvah Plan**

How Awards Are Determined

Applications are reviewed by the committee confidentially assessing:

- Synagogue engagement • First-time camper status • Mitzvah plan • Leadership potential • Timeliness & completeness • Camper essay/response

Awards use an **equity formula**:

Camp tuition - external aid - expected family contribution = eligible need

If requests exceed available funds, awards are **scaled proportionally**.

Award Caps:

- **Up to \$1,200** for first-time campers
- **Up to \$800** for returning campers

A 10% reserve supports **hardship or late-emerging needs**.

Giving Back: The Mitzvah Commitment

Campership recipients complete **5–10 hours** of service **plus one reflection project**.

Examples include:

- ✓ Volunteering in [B'COL](#) or youth programs
- ✓ Volunteering with TBT Keshet Inclusion
- ✓ Helping lead or assist in a Shabbat service
- ✓ Community service projects
- ✓ Sharing camp reflections (D'var Torah, video, creative project)
- ✓ Participating in youth leadership activities

Questions?

TBT's Campership Committee is here to support families through the process with transparency, fairness, and warmth.

References

<https://templejudea.com/learn/religious-school/campership-application/>

<https://www.tegreensboro.org/camp-info>

https://jewishmiami.org/camp_scholarships_2025/

<https://www.adateloim.org/camp-scholarship-2/>

<https://www.bethelohim.org/form/jewish-camp-scholarship>

<https://www.temple-sinai.net/community/campership-camp-scholarship-program/>

ONE PAGE SUMMARY:

The version on the next page keeps things simple and clear for families while emphasizing giving back as a positive part of the experience.

Temple Beth Tzedek Camperships – Summer 2026

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Award Structure

- First-time campers: Up to \$1,200
- Returning campers: Up to \$800
- Awards based on need, engagement, and family commitment
- Funds go directly to camps

Apply Today!

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