



Jewish United Fund
OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

Residential Summer Camp Scholarship Basics Summer 2024*

ELIGIBLE CAMPS

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

CAMPER ELIGIBILITY

- Current 3rd-11th graders (3rd graders must turn 9 by the end of the school year; campers attending special-needs camp programs can be older)
- Session must be 19 days or longer

FAMILY ELIGIBILITY

- Family must live in the 6-county JUF service area: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties
- Must demonstrate financial need: families making in excess of \$130,000 (including all sources—salary, parsonage, kollel, etc.) should NOT apply and will be withdrawn

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(s) must be registered for camp before submitting a scholarship application
- Any family applying for a JUF scholarship must first apply for financial assistance from the camp, and, when possible, from their congregation
- All requested financial information and documentation must be provided
- Applications must be submitted to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment no later than 11:59PM Central time on February 15, 2024
- For questions related to JUF guidelines and processes, please email jewishcamp@juf.org
- For questions related to the FACTS process, please call 866-412-4637

*Eligibility requirements subject to change in subsequent years.

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, 2024. FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will be conducting the application process and must include:

- FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment application
- Your 2022 federal income tax return (including all schedules and statements)
- Your 2023 W-2 forms
- \$40 application fee

All supporting documents can be uploaded in PDF format online, 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 JUF 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 mid-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-\$1,800/camper. Final decisions are made by the JUF 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 JUF scholarships are just a piece of the puzzle, with other pieces (funds) coming from the family, the camp, and the congregation (if applicable). JUF also provides first-time camper grants through One Happy Camper or Camp Coupons to all eligible families (www.onehappycamper.org).