

ADATH JESHURUN CONGREGATION SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES ♦ 2019-2020

I. Goals of the Adath Jeshurun Scholarship Program

- A. To encourage young congregants to participate in programs which are consistent with the philosophy and practice of the Conservative Movement.
- B. To provide an intensive Jewish summer camping or Israel experience to those who will serve the congregation in future years.
- C. To recognize those who have demonstrated Synagogue involvement by significantly contributing to Shabbat Morning Program (SMP), B'Yachad or in other approved ways.
- D. To ensure that every qualified young congregant is able to participate in Jewish camping and Israel experiences regardless of the family's financial situation.

II. Preferred and Approved Programs

The preferred programs are: Camp Ramah, Ramah Israel Pilgrimage, USY Summer in Israel, approved High School Programs in Israel and Young Judea, Camp Herzl and Camp Chi sessions of at least three weeks.

Other programs must be approved by the Scholarship Committee. Approval will be based on an evaluation of whether the program is consistent with the educational goals of the congregation and the philosophy and practice of Conservative Judaism.

Priority will be given to older students, those attending the preferred programs, and participants in the Shabbat Morning Program.

III. Scholarship Categories

A. Merit Awards

- (1) **Incentive Awards:** Incentive awards encourage participation in a Jewish summer camp experience. They are intended for applicants who are post Bar/Bat Mitzvah by June 2019 and who will enter grade 9 or lower in fall 2019.
- (2) **Service Awards:** Service Awards are intended for applicants who will enter 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in fall 2019 and who demonstrate regular, active participation in SMP, B'Yachad or in other approved ways.
- (3) **Distinguished Service Awards:** These scholarships are awarded only to those entering 11th or 12th grade in fall 2019 who demonstrate exceptional commitment, leadership, and service, in SMP, B'Yachad or in other approved ways. Their attendance and degree of preparation must be outstanding. Awards will be based on the following criteria:
 - *Attendance*
On Shabbat, at Kallot and at staff meetings
 - *Degree of Involvement*
Leading programs, volunteering additional help for students who need it, participation in Shabbat service, actively participating in meetings
 - *Leadership*
Developing programs, assisting other staff members or participants in programs. Taking initiative on a regularly to go over and above what is normally expected.
 - *Jewish Commitment and Education*
Active participation in Yachad, Heschel Society and Confirmation class

B. Financial Aid

The policy of the Scholarship Committee is to ensure that no one who is qualified and wants to attend one of the preferred programs is prevented from doing so because of financial need. Monies are set aside to provide funding based on need to those students attending approved programs. All students applying for financial aid must also apply to applicable community sources of scholarship (e.g. camp scholarships, Federation, JFCS and Louis Herman and/or Bell scholarships, if appropriate). Eligibility criteria for these programs and application materials can be obtained by contacting the organizations directly. Priority for Adath financial aid is given to students who have had their Bar or Bat Mitzva prior to entering their camp or Israel program, participants in the Shabbat Morning Program, B'Yachad or in other approved ways, those continuing their Jewish education, and to those attending Camp Ramah and Programs in Israel. Some financial aid may be available to pre-Bar and Bat Mitzvah students who demonstrate financial need.

IV. Responsibilities of Scholarship Recipients

Service Scholarship Awards are made in recognition of past service to Adath and with the expectation that recipients will continue to serve Adath and share with the Congregation the knowledge and experience gained from the programs in which they participated. These awards are not in payment for past services. Thus, it is expected that those students who receive scholarships will continue to participate in SMP, B'Yachad or in other approved ways. during the years following their camp and Israel experiences.

V. Award Amounts

Scholarship funds are dependent on the L'Chaim Campaign, the Synagogue budget and funds from the Adath Jeshurun Foundation. Financial Aid requests for highest priority ages and programs will be met first. The remaining funds then will be allocated for Incentive, Service, Distinguished Service, and other Financial Aid awards. Because the available funds, the number of applicants and program costs vary from year to year, actual amounts will depend on the availability of funds and may vary from year to year for the same programs. Scholarship awards are based on the costs of the program only and do not cover transportation costs, activity fees or additional costs associated with extensions of trips to Israel.

VI. Additional policies

- A. Applicants must be registered for the camp or Program in Israel of their choice before submitting their Scholarship application.**
- B. With the exception of those making use of their one time Bell or Louis Herman Israel Scholarships, students will be eligible for no more than one scholarship per year from Adath Jeshurun.
- C. Families must be current on their Adath membership obligations and to any other synagogue to which they may have formerly belonged.
- D. By submitting an application, students and parents are agreeing that the student will continue to participate in SMP, B'Yachad or in other approved ways during the following year(s).
- E. The scholarship committee reserves the right to reject any late applications or to fund them at lower amounts.
- F. Some aid may be available for applicants with special needs ages 19 and below who participate in programs such as the Tikvah program at Camp Ramah.