

ADATH JESHURUN CONGREGATION

SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES ◊ 2021-2022

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 service to the Congregation.
- 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.

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 2020 and who will enter grade 9 or lower in fall 2021.
- (2) **Service Awards:** Service Awards are intended for applicants who will enter 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in fall 2021 and who demonstrate regular, active participation in SMP, B'Yachad or in other approved service to the Congregation.
- (3) **Distinguished Service Awards:** These scholarships are awarded only to those entering 11th or 12th grade in fall 2021 who demonstrate exceptional commitment, leadership, and service, in SMP, B'Yachad or in other approved service to the Congregation. Their attendance and degree of preparation must be outstanding. Awards will be based on the criteria such as:
 - *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 TEN, Heschel Society and Confirmation class

B. Financial Aid

Financial Aid ensures that no one who is qualified and wants to attend one of the preferred programs is prevented from doing so because of financial need. All students applying for financial aid must also apply to applicable community sources of scholarship (e.g. camp or Israel program scholarships, Federation, JFCS and Louis Herman, Talmud Torah and/or Bell scholarships, if appropriate. Eligibility criteria for these programs and application materials can be obtained by contacting the organizations directly.

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 service to the Congregation. during the years following their camp and Israel experiences.

V. Award Amounts

Scholarship funds are from the Adath Jeshurun Foundation. 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. Students are eligible for only one Scholarship for programs in Israel.
- 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 service to the Congregation 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.

Note: In the event that Jewish summer camps and Programs in Israel are cancelled because of the pandemic, no scholarship distributions will be made. Also, scholarship funds for last years' summer camps and Programs in Israel

which were not distributed due to the pandemic, remain in the Adath Foundation and will not be awarded retroactively for last year.