

Jewish Federation of Reading Student Camp and Education Awards

For several years, Jewish Federation of Reading has provided monetary awards to children who attended Jewish summer camp and to support students studying abroad in Israel or participating in a number of Jewish sponsored high school education programs in Israel. Last year, a committee was formed to help put into place a structure for the award offerings.

Thanks to the work of the Educational Committee, the Federation is proud to offer Jewish children/students, who are residents of our Berks County Jewish community, monetary awards to help support their participation in programs that nurture Jewish identity, leadership and connections with their culture, history and Israel.

Working together with our families and thanks to your campaign support, our Jewish community can help its children grow and discover a deep-seated and profound sense of what it means to them to be a Jew while learning about themselves and the world.

If you have questions pertaining to your child/children's eligibility for any of the offerings below, please do not hesitate to contact William D. Franklin at the Federation office – 610-921-0624.

Are you interested in helping send a camper to Jewish camp or support a student as they pursue academic study and explore their Jewish culture abroad? Please contact Paul Landry, Development Director – 610-921-0624.

Jewish Summer Camp Award - \$250 per child

Jewish Federation of Reading encourages Jewish overnight summer camp experiences for children 8-18 years of age. Jewish camp offers all the benefits of other summer camps, while giving your child the chance to experience Jewish community in a safe, supportive setting. At Jewish camp, daily activities are enriched by Jewish values and the culture of Judaism. The camp program must be an overnight camp and the camper enrolled for a minimum of 4 weeks (or, 3 week 2nd session) **Deadline for application – February 15 for the following summer.**

Leadership Training Award – up to \$150

High school students that enroll in leadership training programs through Jewish youth movements such as BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization) or USY (United Synagogue Youth) may apply for an award up to \$150 toward the cost of registration and travel. One award per student per year. **Requests must be made no less than 60 days prior to the start of the training program.**

High School Israel Experience Award – up to \$250

High school students who participate in programs such as *Ramah in Israel* or *NFTY in Israel* that are designed to provide students with a meaningful and exciting Israel experience may apply for an awards up to \$250 toward the cost of registration and travel. **Deadline for application – February 15 for the following summer.**

College and Post Graduate Study in Israel Award – up to \$1,000

College and post-graduate students enrolled in academic study programs in Israel or who wish to pursue internship opportunities in Israel are invited to apply for awards to accredited colleges/universities up to \$1,000. Due to the uniqueness of many internship opportunities, requests will be evaluated on an individual basis. **Deadline for applications – 60 days prior to the start of the program. Summer programs and internships, deadline for application - May 15 for the following summer.**

Jewish Day School Education Award

Ages 2-Pre-Kindergarten (need-sensitive)

Jewish Federation of Reading offers a Jewish sponsored preschool, Lakin Early Education Center (JCC Preschool), located in the Education Wing of Reform Congregation Oheb Sholom in Wyomissing. Preschool offerings include programs for children 2 years through pre-Kindergarten. Need-sensitive awards are available for families through Jewish Family Service. Please call Sari Incledon, Director, 610-921-0624.

Kindergarten – 12th Grade

Berks County currently does not have a Jewish Day school. In order to help meet the needs of parents wishing to enroll their child/children in a Jewish Day school, Federation will consider funding requests from families seeking a Jewish Day School education for their school age child/children. Annually, funds are allocated toward this program.

Funding requests should be received 30 days prior to the start of the academic year for which the funding request is being made.

Note: Jewish Federation of Reading is not representative of nor does it support any one movement of Judaism. Jewish Federation of Reading, Inc. reserves the right to discontinue one or more of these programs or limit the number and/or value of any or all of the awards at anytime without prior notification to applicants.

Student Camp and Education Awards Student Application

Mailing Address: Jewish Federation of Reading, P.O. Box 14925, Reading, PA 19612-4925
Offices: Jewish Cultural Center of Reading, 1100 Berkshire Boulevard, Wyomissing, PA 19610

Tel: 610-921-0624 Fax: 610-929-0886

Email: WilliamF@jfreeding.org

Please check which award program you are applying for:

- Jewish Summer Camp Award
- Leadership Training Award
- High School Israel Experience Award
- College and Post Graduate Study in Israel Award
- Jewish Day School Education Award

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian _____

Names: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell/Other: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Camp/Program/College or University/Jewish Day _____

School: _____

Location: _____ Date _____

Total Cost: _____

Other Awards _____

How did you learn about Jewish Federation of Reading's Award Program? _____

signature of applicant

signature of parent/guardian (if under age of 18 years)

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Camp & Leadership Applicants – Please attach information regarding your summer camp or the leadership program you plan to attend. Recipients of an award will be required to write a

“thank you” note for inclusion in the *Shalom* newspaper along with a current photo of the camper/student.

High School Israel Experience Applicants – Please attach information regarding the Israel experience program you plan to attend. Recipients will be asked to provide a current photo and write a brief article for inclusion in the *Shalom* newspaper (experience photos welcomed) upon your return.

College and Post Graduate Study in Israel Applicants – Please attach information regarding the college/university program or the internship program you plan to attend. Recipients will be asked to provide a current photo and write an article for inclusion in the *Shalom* newspaper. When possible, recipients will be asked to join a Federation function (board meeting/event) and talk about their experience.

Jewish Day School Education Awards – Due to the confidential nature of many of the Jewish Day School requests, no further information will be required. Applicants may be asked to complete a confidential financial disclosure form through Jewish Family Service.
