

2024 JFGD Israel Scholarship Application

The Dallas Jewish Community Foundation (DJCF) is honored to partner in the administration of Israel scholarship opportunities made possible by the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas (JFGD).

The submission deadline is 5pm on March 18th. To ensure an equitable process, no exceptions will be made for incomplete or late applications. All applications must be completed and submitted electronically to Natasha Shovar at nshovar@djcf.org.

Program Guidelines

Eligible programs for funding must be:

- Israel-based, but do not have to be exclusively based in Israel
- At least 10 days in duration
- Include an Israeli or Jewish education component

Funds will be disbursed directly to the trip organizer, who must be a recognized 501c3 serving the Jewish community.

Income Guidelines

The committee gives every consideration to each eligible application and its related circumstances. While we do consider each family's situation, families earning more than \$140,000 are not likely to be awarded scholarships, unless there are extenuating circumstances which must be clearly explained in the application.

Your completed application must:

- Be filled out completely by both the parent/guardian and the applicant.
- Include the first page of the most recent IRS form 1040 for the household.
- Include a written statement by the applicant on why this trip is important to them.

Other Important Information

- To maintain confidentiality, families with more than one teen applying for scholarship funding, **MUST COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH TEEN.**
- The electronic application must be completed in full to be considered.
- Scholarships for the full amount of the program will not be granted.
- Applicants are encouraged to seek out other sources of funding in addition to these funds.
- Parents are expected to make appropriate contributions to the cost of the program for their children.
- The Israel Scholarship Committee tasked with the consideration of your application will make all final decisions regarding scholarship award after assessing each applicant's situation on an individual basis and with no comparison to the other applicants.
- Please be aware that this is an application for consideration and not a guarantee or promise of funding.
- All the information requested for the electronic application is treated with the strictest confidentiality. Names and all identifying information are not included in any materials submitted to the Israel Scholarship Committee.
- If an award is made to an applicant, JFGD asks recipients to keep all information on the award, including the amount, strictly confidential.
- Each award is made based on multiple factors and in no way indicates the awards made to other applicants.
- All scholarship awards are directly credited toward a participant's outstanding balance and only after proof of travel is shown.
- Please provide any other information that you feel would be useful in considering your application.

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

SECTION A: PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip code)

Jewish Involvement

a. Previous trips to Israel: _____

b. Previous scholarships awarded to applicant by Jewish organizations or agencies:

c. Synagogue name: _____

d. Involvement in Jewish community activities (youth groups, volunteering, etc.):

Current Employment:

Present position: _____ Monthly earnings: _____

Work place: _____ Hours/week: _____

Phone: _____

How long have you been working at this job? _____

Summer Employment 2023:

Position: _____ Total summer earnings: _____

Work place: _____ Hours/week: _____

Number of weeks: _____ Phone: _____

*If you did not have summer employment, what did you do for the summer?



SECTION B: SHORT ESSAYS

What does Judaism mean to you? (Your answer may include Israel, synagogue, observance of mitzvot, learning, etc.)
Maximum of 150 words

How do you give back to your community? (Your answer may address the Jewish and/or secular community.)
Maximum of 150 words

Why do you want to travel to Israel this summer?
Maximum of 150 words

SECTION C: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School

Name of current high school _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip code)

Grade Point Average _____(on a _____ scale)

Number of honors/AP classes taken _____

Class Rank: _____ Current grade: _____

Please list special skills and interests:

List any high school honors or awards you have received:

List extracurricular activities (secular and/or Jewish):