



2019 Greater MetroWest Jewish Overnight Camp Scholarship Guidelines

The Greater MetroWest Jewish Overnight Camp Scholarship program enables lower-income families to send their children to Jewish overnight camp.

Participating Camps - Scholarships are available for an array of camps across the denominational spectrum that serve the largest number of Greater MetroWest NJ campers, including the following:

Camp Havaya, Camp Kinder Ring, Camp Moshava, Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, Camp Ramah in the Poconos, Camp Young Judaea Sprout Lake, Camp Zeke, Eden Village Camp, NJY Camps, Tel Yehudah, URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy, URJ Camp Harlam, URJ Crane Lake Camp, URJ Eisner Camp

Camper Eligibility:

- Camper must be under age 16 as of June 1, 2019
- Camp session must be 12 consecutive days or more
- Up to 3 years of support per child
- Preference will be given to first time campers and to children for whom Jewish camp is their first intensive Jewish experience

Family Eligibility:

- Family must live in Greater MetroWest New Jersey Federation area (Essex, Morris, Sussex, Union and parts of Northern Somerset Counties) or be affiliated with a synagogue or school in Greater MetroWest
- Income evaluation will be based on multiple factors, including number of children and type of school attended
- Families with children in public school with income above \$115,000 (or families with children in Jewish Day School with income, minus the family's cost of Day School tuition, above \$115,000) should contact Federation Scholarship Coordinator before submitting an application; these applicants may be considered in the case of extenuating circumstances (such as excessive health care costs or other needs)
- Family will be required to submit most recent IRS Form 1040 (first two pages of Federal tax return), as well as Schedule A and Schedule D, if applicable
- Family must contribute a portion of the camp tuition
- Maximum of \$5,000 Federation scholarship support per family per summer

Other Important Information:

- Camper must be registered for camp and apply for scholarship through the participating camp before receiving Federation scholarship
- Family must reach out to camp, as well as extended family and temple/synagogue, for potential funding before applying for the Federation scholarship
- Scholarships will be paid directly to the camp in the name of the child(ren)
- Children not attending Day School may also be eligible for a One Happy Camper Grant
- Gerri Russo, 973-929-2972, grusso@jfedgmw.org is available to discuss the overnight camp scholarship program
- Tracy Levine, 973-929-2970, tracy@onehappycamperNJ.org is available to assist families in choosing an overnight camp

Volunteer Service Requirement:

Each camper and their family are expected to participate in at least two volunteer opportunities sponsored by Federation or other local Jewish organizations by May 1, 2020. The priority volunteer recommendation is to be involved with Tour de Summer Camps NJ bike ride scheduled for September 22, 2019, Federation's key fundraising event for Jewish camp. The Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest will help connect families with meaningful volunteer opportunities during the year and will also welcome the family's suggestions.

Deadlines:

Funds are limited – please apply as early as possible. There will be up to four review cycles for 2019. Applications will only be considered when complete (including tax documents) and submitted by the due dates below. Applications with exception requests to the standard criteria may be placed on a waitlist to be considered in review cycles 3 and 4 (if funding is available).

The deadlines are as follows:

Review Cycle	1	2	3	4
Submission of completed application	3/1/19	4/18/19	5/10/19	6/7/19
Notification of decisions and scholarship amount	4/1/19	5/19/19	6/10/19	7/8/19
Important notes			Last cycle for sessions starting on or before 7/15/19	Only for sessions starting after 7/15/19

Please go to www.onehappycampernj.org/financial-incentives/greater-metrowest-scholarship/ for the most current information and a link to the scholarship application.

For additional information about this scholarship program, contact Gerri Russo, Federation Camp Scholarship Coordinator at grusso@jfedgmw.org or 973.929.2972

Participating Camps Contact Information

Camp Havaya: Joshua Sternburg, 215-576-0800, josh@camphavaya.org

Camp Kinder Ring: Jessica Rich, (845) 221-2771, jessica@campkr.com

Camp Moshava: Alan Silverman, 212-465-9021, alan@moshava.org

Camp Ramah in the Berkshires: Rabbi Ethan Linden, 201-871-7262, elinden@ramahberkshires.org

Camp Ramah in the Poconos: Debbie Lacks, 215-885-8556, debbiel@ramahpoconos.org

Camp Young Judaea Sprout Lake: Tyler Gorelick, 917-595-1500 ext 261, Tyler.gorelick@youngjudaea.org

Camp Zeke: Isaac Mamaysky, 212-913-9783, isaac@campzeke.org

Eden Village Camp: Yoni Stadlin, 877-397-3336, yonistadlin@edenvillagecamp.org

NJY Camps: Janet Fliegelman, 973-575-3333 x121, janet@njycamps.org

Tel Yehudah: David Weinstein, 917-595-2100, david.weinstein@youngjudaea.org

URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy: Greg Kellner, 857-246-8677, gkellner@urj.org

URJ Camp Harlam: Aaron Selkow, 610-668-0423, aselkow@urj.org

URJ Crane Lake Camp: Debby Shriber, 201-722-0400, dshriber@urj.org

URJ Eisner Camp: James Gelsey, 201-722-0400, jgelsey@urj.org