

Rocker Family Jewish Overnight Camp Scholarship Program

Summer 2022 Guidelines

The Rocker Family Camp Scholarship program seeks to enable campers from Greater MetroWest NJ families with significant financial need, who may not otherwise have attended Jewish overnight camp, to be able to do so.

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 primary area camps:

[Camp Harlam](#), [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](#) (Camp Nah-Jee-Wah, Cedar Lake Camp, Teen Camp, Round Lake, Camp Neshet), [Tel Yehudah](#), [URJ Crane Lake Camp](#), [URJ Eisner Camp](#), [URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy](#)

Additional camps considered, based on funding availability: Berkshire Hills Eisenberg Camp, Camp Dora Golding/Camp Dina, Camp Galil, Camp Gan Israel in the Poconos, Cohen Camps (Pembroke, Tel Noar, Tevya), Perlman Camp, Pinemere Camp, Ramah Sports Academy, Surprise Lake Camp, Sababa Beachaway, URJ 6 Points Creative Arts Academy

Camper/Family Eligibility:

- Camper must be under age 16 as of June 1, 2022
- Camp session must be 12 consecutive days or more
- Up to 3 years of support per child
- Maximum of \$5,000 Federation scholarship support per family per summer
- Preference will be given to children for whom Jewish camp is their first intensive Jewish experience and those attending primary camps noted above

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 Jewish Day 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 at or below \$150,000 (or families with children in Jewish Day School with income minus the family's cost of Day School tuition at or below \$150,000). If your income is above this, you should contact Gerri Russo at grusso@jfedgmw.org before submitting application; these applicants may be considered in the case of extenuating circumstances (such as excessive health care costs)
- Family must submit the top pages of their most recent IRS Form 1040, and Schedule A and Schedule D if filed
- Family must contribute a portion of the camp tuition

Other Important Information:

- Camper must be registered and apply for scholarship through the participating camp prior to receiving the Rocker scholarship
- Family must reach out to the camp, 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 and 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, 2023. The priority volunteer recommendation is to be involved with Tour de Summer Camps NJ bike ride, Federation’s key fundraising event for Jewish camp. The Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest will provide information about meaningful volunteer opportunities and also welcomes the family’s suggestions.

Deadlines:

Funds are limited – please apply as early as possible. There will be five review cycles for 2022. Applications will only be considered when complete **(including all required tax documents)** and submitted by the due dates below. Communication of decisions on applications meeting standard criteria will begin approximately four weeks following the deadline and may be longer for those applications which require follow-up. Applications with exception requests to the standard criteria may be placed on a waitlist to be considered in review cycles 3, 4 or 5 (if funding is available).

The deadlines are as follows:

Review Cycle	1	2	3	4	5
Submission of completed applications	12/3/21	1/17/22	2/25/22	4/1/22	5/9/22

Please go to www.onehappycampernj.org/scholarship for the most current information and a link to the scholarship application.

For additional information about this scholarship program or free guidance to choosing a camp, contact Gerri Russo at grusso@jfedgmw.org or (973) 929-2972

Please click [here](#) for a map and contact information for the eligible camps