

Rocker Family Jewish Overnight Camp Scholarship Program Summer **2023 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](#) [SciTech 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

Eligibility Requirements:

- Camper must be under age 16 as of June 1, 2023
- Camp session must be 12 consecutive days or more
- Reside in Greater MetroWest New Jersey Federation area (Essex, Morris, Sussex, Union and parts of Northern Somerset Counties)
- Household income up to \$165,000. If income is above this level, please contact Gerri Russo at grusso@jfedgmw.org prior to submitting application
- Form 1040 must be submitted (the top pages of most recent IRS tax form) and Schedules A, D and E (if filed)
- Camper must be registered and apply for scholarship through the participating camp prior to applying for the Rocker Family scholarship

IMPORTANT:

- Family must reach out to the camp, extended family and temple/synagogue for potential funding prior to applying for the Rocker Family scholarship
- Family must contribute a portion of the camp tuition
- You will be asked to provide a detailed explanation of your family's circumstances and reason(s) for applying for the Rocker Family scholarship, which you should explain in 250-300 words (about 2-4 paragraphs)

Other Important Information:

- 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
- Evaluation will be based on multiple factors including household income, number of children, and extenuating circumstances (such as excessive unreimbursed health care costs)
- Scholarships will be paid directly to the camp in the name of the child(ren)
- First time campers may also be eligible for a One Happy Camper Grant – please click here for more information <https://www.onehappycampernj.org/financial-incentives/1000-one-happy-camper-grant/>

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, 2024. The priority volunteer recommendation is to be involved with CAMPERTON/Tour de Summer Camps NJ, Federation’s key fundraising event for Jewish camp held in the fall. The Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest also provides information about meaningful volunteer opportunities and welcomes the family’s suggestions.

Deadlines:

Funds are limited – please apply as early as possible. There will be five review cycles for summer 2023. 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. Applications with exception requests to the standard criteria may be placed on a waitlist to be considered in future review cycles if funding is available.

The deadlines are as follows:

Review Cycle	1	2	3	4	5
Submission of completed applications	12/2/22	1/16/23	2/24/23	3/31/23	5/8/23

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