



## **Rocker Family Jewish Overnight Camp Scholarship Program** **Summer 2024 Guidelines**

The Rocker Family Camp Scholarship program helps Greater MetroWest NJ families with the cost of attending Jewish overnight camp.

**Primary 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, Round Lake, Camp Neshar), [Sababa Beachaway](#), [Tel Yehudah](#), [URJ Crane Lake Camp](#), [URJ Eisner Camp](#), [URJ 6 Points Creative Arts Academy](#), [URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy](#)

**Other camps within the [Foundation for Jewish Camp network](#) will be considered based on funding availability.**

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Camper must be under age 16 as of June 1, 2024
- Camp session must be 12 consecutive days or more
- Family must live in [Greater MetroWest NJ Federation area](#) (Essex, Morris, Sussex, Union and parts of Northern Somerset Counties)
- Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$200,000 or less (or extenuating circumstances to be explained)
- 2022 Tax Form 1040 (top two pages of IRS tax form) must be submitted, **as well as any Schedules filed**
- Camper must have registered for camp and applied for financial assistance from the camp **prior** to applying for the Rocker Family Scholarship
- Family must also have reached out to extended family and their temple/synagogue (if applicable) for potential funding **prior** to applying for the Rocker Family Scholarship
- Family must contribute a portion of the camp tuition
- **A detailed write-up of at least 200 words (approximately 2-3 paragraphs), explaining your family's situation and reasons for applying MUST be provided**

### **Other Important Information:**

- Up to 3 years of support per child based on annual application
- Maximum of \$5,000 Rocker Family Scholarship support per family per summer
- Preference will be given to children for whom Jewish camp is their first intensive Jewish experience and will be attending primary camps noted above
- 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](#)

The scholarship amount awarded will be based on the chart below:

Minimum Income	Maximum Income	Total % of Camp Tuition covered by GMW Federation
\$ -	\$ 75,000	45%
\$ 75,001	\$ 125,000	40%
\$ 125,001	\$ 175,000	35%
\$ 175,001	\$ 200,000	25%

Note: Total tuition amount covered by Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest (GMW) is inclusive of the Rocker Family Scholarship, One Happy Camper (OHC) grant and/or the Russian Speaking Jewish (RSJ) grant.

**Volunteer Service Requirement:**

Each camper and their family are expected to volunteer for at least two Jewish-related programs (2+ hours each) sponsored by Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest or other local Jewish organizations by May 1, 2025. Federation provides information about meaningful [volunteer opportunities](#) and also welcomes the family’s suggestions. If you are a clergy member, we ask that you collaborate with us to plan at least one program to directly share Jewish camp information with your congregation/community.

**Deadlines:**

Funds are limited and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis – please apply as early as possible. There will be five review cycles for summer 2024. 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	12/4/23	1/15/24	2/26/24	4/1/24	5/1/24

Please go to [www.onehappycampernj.org/scholarship](http://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](mailto:grusso@jfedgmw.org) or (973) 929-2972

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