

Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies

Financial Aid Resources

As Pardes' financial resources are limited, Pardes students in need of financial assistance are encouraged to explore other sources of financial aid. To the best of our knowledge, this list is current. Pardes is not responsible for any information herein that is incorrect or no longer relevant.

GENERAL

American Jewish League for Israel

AJLI offers scholarships for a full year of study in Israel. Acceptance to Pardes is a prerequisite. There is no age restriction, but US citizenship or permanent residency is required. The award is based on merit, not need. Application for 2019 will be posted in January 2019. Application can be found on their website at <http://www.americanjewishleague.com/scholarships/>

JNF "Plant Your Way to Israel"

Students through age 30 ask friends and family to contribute to JNF. A portion of the donation goes to JNF to plant trees in Israel, and the other half will be placed in a special account for the student, held by JNF, to be used for any trip to Israel. A special certificate is sent to a designee on behalf of the donor. Participants can register at www.jnf.org/pyw and are able to easily manage their accounts through a personalized fundraising webpage. Students can redeem their funds for any trip to Israel.

American Zionist Movement: Helyn B. Reich Memorial Scholarship (for MASA recipients only) for Post-University Students

Reich scholarships are awarded each fall and spring to a limited number of American students who have been accepted to a MASA program in Israel. The scholarship seeks to recognize candidates who have demonstrated academic excellence, pro-Israel activity in their personal lives and show a commitment to future involvement with the Jewish and Zionist community. Need will be considered, but emphasis is on merit. Preference is given to candidates who decide to spend the full year in Israel. Deadline for Spring 2019 applications is approx. January 2019. (*Exact deadline dates will be posted on the website*) For information and application:

<http://www.azm.org/helyn-b-reich-scholarship-information-for-post-university-students/>

Direct any questions to the AZM National Office at 212-318-6100.

International Association of Jewish Free Loans

Website: <http://www.iajfl.org/>

A network of over 40 interest free lending agencies throughout the world.

Synagogues

Contact your congregation and Rabbi to inquire about funds such as Education and Discretionary funds that can be used for study in Israel.

JEWISH FEDERATIONS & OTHER REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

All applicants are encouraged to turn to their local federations (both those near your current home and the community in which you grew up) Find contact information for North American federations at <http://www.jewishfederations.org/> Many federations fund scholarships for Israel program participants. Listed below, by region, is a compilation of some of the regional scholarships available. If your Federation does not appear below, contact them (by phone is better than email) to ask if they fund scholarships for study in Israel.

NORTHEAST

Albany (Northeast New York) <http://www.jewishfedny.org>

Offers Jewish Enrichment Scholarships for short and long term Israel experience programs for current college students only (no funding available for post college programs). All scholarships awarded are based on financial-need.

Application deadline is usually the end of February. Check the website for exact dates.

Details and application: <http://www.jewishfedny.org/services/scholarships/>

Additional information: Rebecca Miller 518-783-7800 ext. 225 or rmiller@jewishfedny.org

Combined Jewish Philanthropies (New England) <http://www.cjp.org/>

Scholarships for Israel programs of 5 months or longer are available to students and alumni who reside or attend school in New England. Scholarships up to \$1000. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and are conditional upon available funds. Details and application at

<http://www.israelcampusroundtable.org/funding.html>

Additional information: Matt Hoffman at matt@israelcamusroundtable.org

Grinspoon Foundation (Western MA and Southern VT)

Residents of Western MA and Southern VT counties Windham and Bennington can apply for grants of up to \$1,500 from the Grinspoon Foundation.

Details and application:

<http://www.hgf.org/What-We-Do/Grants-in-Western-MA/For-Individuals/Israel-Travel-and-Study.aspx>

Application must be completed at least four weeks prior to departure. The grant recipients receive the scholarship after completing the Israel program, on a reimbursement basis.

Additional information: GTI@hgf.org

Jewish Endowment Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts

General Website: www.jefwesternmass.org

Israel travel scholarships for students from Western Massachusetts.

Information and application: <https://jfwma.giftlegacy.com/?pageID=1007>

Deadline: Applications for the 2019-2020 year will be available in January 2019.

Additional information: Michelle Lancto phone 413-732-9994 or email

mlancto@jewishwesternmass.org

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

General Website: <http://www.jewishphilly.org>

Offers need based scholarships for study in Israel, up to \$2000 for a long term program.

Deadline: No application deadline.

Information and application:

<https://jewishphilly.org/need-help/direct-services/jewish-life-and-learning/scholarships/israel-program-scholarships/>

Additional information: scholarships@jewishphilly.org or 215-832-0522

SOUTH

Greensboro (NC) Jewish Federation <http://www.shalomgreensboro.org/>

Israel Experience Grant for residents of Greensboro for Greensboro residents to age 23 who have not previously been on a Birthright trip. Also: Jackie W. and Lottie K. Samet Israel Experience Scholarship Fund to enable college age Jewish youth to age 25 living in Guilford County to participate

in Israel programs. Financial need and merit are the primary considerations in awarding grants. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Information and application: <https://www.shalomgreensboro.org/jewish-services/israel-grants-and-scholarships>

Additional information: Noam Stoker at nsoker@shalomgreensboro.org

Jewish Federation of Greater Nashville

Mary & Harry Zimmerman family Youth Exchange Endowment Fund Incentive Grants up to \$2000 for college students.

Guidelines and application: <https://www.jewishnashville.org/israel-incentive-grants>

Deadline: All application forms should be returned to the Jewish Federation 6 weeks before final payment is due to the qualifying program to: Tania Bukengolts, 801 Percy Warner Blvd, Suite 102; Nashville, TN 37205 or tania@jewishnashville.org

Additional information: Tania Bukengolts 615-354-1668 or email tania@jewishnashville.org

Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga

General website: <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>

Grants to college students up to \$2,500 for year programs (up to one-half of the program cost). Grants awarded primarily on merit based upon the applicant's motivations and achievements as measured by the response to the applicant's questions and to personal interview(s) with the selection committee.

Deadline: **December 15, 2019**

Application: http://www.jewishchattanooga.com/?page_id=378

Additional information:

<https://jewishchattanooga.com/education-grants/grants-scholarships/israel-grants-qualifications-and-guidelines/>

Augusta (Georgia) Jewish Community Center

General website: <http://www.augustajcc.org>

Augusta Jewish Federation Scholarship program offers needs based scholarships for Israel programs.

Application:

http://www.augustajcc.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/AJF_Scholarship_Application.pdf

Additional information: <http://www.augustajcc.org/id41.html>

Greater Miami Jewish Federation (<http://www.jewishmiami.org>)

The Greater Miami Jewish Federation offers need-based assistance for Miami-Dade County residents to age 26. Funding is one time only, and awards are based on need and length of an approved Israel program. Prior to the start of the program applicants must submit an application, along with their family's financial information (IRS form 1040), and a letter of acceptance or invoice from the program.

Application: http://jewishmiami.org/about/departments/israel_overseas/looking_for_scholarships/

Additional information: IsraelOverseas@JewishMiami.org or 786-866-8431.

Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas

General website: www.jewishdallas.org

The Dallas federation does not have specific Israel scholarships for college or post-college students, but people can contact Sarah Golman sgolman@jfgd.org or 214-615-5275 to receive information about synagogue scholarships or other available resources.

Jewish Federation of Greater Houston

General website: www.houstonjewish.org

Funding for Jewish educational, experiential trips available for Houston college and graduate students, and those who have graduated within the past 3 years (maximum age 29).

Application: <https://www.houstonjewish.org/houston-education/scholarships-2018>

Additional information and questions: Liz Garza egarza@houstonjewish.org or 713-729-7000 x 309

CENTRAL

Jewish Federation of Cincinnati

General website: <http://www.jewishcincinnati.org>

Post-high school young adults from Cincinnati to age 26 are eligible for a one-time grant of up to \$5,000 for travel to Israel on an approved peer educational program. Scholarship is not needs-based.

Eligibility requirements and application: <https://cincyjourneys.org/israel/post-hs/grants> .

Additional information: cincyjourneys@jfedcin.org or 513-985-1528

Jewish Federation of Columbus

General website: www.jewishcolumbus.org

Israel Experience Grants up to \$2,500 are given to participants to age 27 who became a bar/bat mitzvah in Columbus, Ohio. Israel Experience participants or parents of participant must be residents within the boundaries of the Jewish Federation of Columbus's community campaign.

Application: <https://jewishcolumbus.org/israel-experience/israel-experience-2/israel-experience-application/>

Additional information: Stephanie Grossman at stephanie@jewishcolumbus.org or 614.559.3227.

The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit

General website: www.jewishdetroit.org

Needs based scholarship for Jewish residents of Metro Detroit up to 28 years old participating in a program for 12 months or less and who have not participated in a Birthright trip.

Application deadline: 4 weeks prior to departure

Information and application <http://jewishdetroit.org/programs/israel-overseas/get-there/>

Additional information and questions: Jaime Bean at bean@jfmfd.org or call (248) 205-2561.

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

General website: www.juf.org

The Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation's Chicago Community Israel Program (CCIP) and Joseph A. Hochberg Scholarship Fund provide need-based scholarships for college students and young adults (up to 28 years old) who participate in an approved Israel Experience program. Applicants must reside or attend school in metropolitan Chicago.

Application deadline: **March 1** (summer program) and **April 15** (fall program). Applicants must be available for a personal interview.

Additional information and questions: http://www.juf.org/israel_experience/college_scholarship.aspx; isralexperience@juf.org OR 312-444-2895 or 312-357-4798

Minneapolis Jewish Federation

General website: <http://jewishminneapolis.org>

- *Isadore & Molly Boroff Israel Scholarship* (not needs based) available for Jewish men and women, aged 18-30, whose permanent residence is in the Minneapolis metropolitan area.

Deadlines: **December 2, April 14 and July 21** (depending on program start date) Decisions will be announced by late January, May, and mid-August. Award amounts are based on program fees, up to \$4000.

Information & application:

<http://jewishminneapolis.org/experience-israel/travel-scholarships/boroff-scholarship/>

Additional information & questions: Sofya Barth sbarth@jewishminneapolis.org or 952-417-2319.

- *Israel Center Scholarship Fund* needs based scholarship. To be eligible, family income must be below \$120,000.

Deadline: Scholarship applications will be accepted throughout the year, however, applicants are encouraged to apply **at least 3 months prior to their departure**.

Application at

<http://jewishminneapolis.org/experience-israel/travel-scholarships/israel-center-scholarship/>

Questions: Eilat Harel, Israel Center, eharel@mplsfed.org or 952-417-2321.

Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul

General website: <http://jewishstpaul.org/>

Israel Experience and needs based scholarships for St. Paul residents. (family of scholarship applicant must make a pledge to the current year's Annual Campaign.)

Deadline: **Application deadline is usually the end of March. Check the website for exact dates.**

Information & application: <http://jewishstpaul.org/community/scholarships>

For more information, contact Sharyn Effress Pesses at (651) 695-3186 or email

spesses@stpaulfed.org

Jewish Federation of Omaha

General website: www.jewishomaha.org

Israel Experience Grant of \$1000 for participation in an approved Israel program. To age 25.

Application deadline **March 1, 2019**.

Information & application: check back in mid December 2018 for the updated application on their website.

<http://www.jewishomaha.org/Post/sections/55/Files/2018%20Financial%20Aid%20and%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf>

Additional information & questions: Diane Stamp 402-34-6407 or dstamp@jewishomaha.org.

WEST

Jewish Federation of the East Bay

General website: <http://www.jfed.org/>

Needs based scholarship for people to age 40 and under. Residency requirement: reside in Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa or Solano Counties; OR college students who currently reside in one of these counties for their undergraduate education; OR applicants whose parents' permanent residence is in one of the above counties

Deadline: **Friday, March 1, 2019 – for Summer programs**

Thursday, May 2, 2019 – for Summer and Fall programs

Application: <https://www.jfed.org/financial-aid/#1495824867782-0639f8d5-8a2f>

Additional information: Rabbi Andrew Kastner at andrew@jfed.org or 510.809.4934.

Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties

Israel Experience Scholarship for area residents to age 26 to participate in a Masa program.

Federation provides need-based scholarships for 5-12 month Masa Israel-approved programs for young adults ages 18-26.

Deadlines:

For 2019 summer trips - **March 15, 2019**

For 2019-2020 gap or academic year programs - **May 1, 2019**

Information and application:

<https://jewishfed.org/how-we-help/opportunities-support/scholarships/israel-experiences-teens-and-youth-adults>

Additional information & questions: 1-800-537-4180 or email jcf@scholarshipamerica.org.

Haas/Koshland Memorial Award providing up to \$20,000 to support a year of study and personal development in Israel.

Deadline: Application deadline is usually in February. Check the website for exact dates.

Application: <https://jewishfed.org/haaskoshland-memorial-award>

Information: 415-512-6231.

Interest free loans for Jewish residents of **Northern California** are available at the **Hebrew Free Loan** <https://www.hflasf.org/>

CANADA

Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto

General website: <https://jewishtoronto.com/>

This listing reflects funding opportunities available through Jewish organizations, foundations, groups and educational institutions in the Greater Toronto Area. Many of the scholarships support studying in Israel. You will also find grants for post-secondary education in Canada and the U.S. as well as useful websites noting other sources of potential funding.

Additional information: Miriam Daniels at 416-635-2883 x 5116 or mdaniels@ujafed.org