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Scholarships

Introduction

This list of scholarships, updated in 2017, can almost entirely be summarized by the “Canada and the US” section. For specifics, see your state/province by clicking on it in the Table of Contents above. This is not an exhaustive list, so if an organization is not here, it does not mean they don’t have a scholarship available; it never hurts to ask them if they have something. And in case you wanted to cross-check, here are four more lists! (the information on them is slightly dated, so trust this list for factual discrepancies)

- <http://usy.org/escape/scholarship/>
- <https://summer.ncsy.org/financialaid/scholarship-listing-by-state/>
- <http://try.ramah.org.il/wp-content/uploads/TRY-Scholarship-opportunities-2018.pdf>
- <http://www.bbyopassport.org/General-Resources>

Sample Email to a Scholarship Provider

Hello,

I'm writing to ask if _____ supports youth in their efforts to go on an organized trip to Israel. I am a member of Habonim Dror, a Zionist youth movement focused on education and social action. We spend a lot of time learning about and discussing Israel, and we send campers and young adults to Israel on various movement programs.

This year, a group of Habonim Dror members my age will be attending _____, [include a short explanation of the program]. _____ is an amazing opportunity for Habonim Dror members to deepen their relationship with Israel and to think about our responsibility to strengthen it. The program allows students to learn about Israel through an immersive educational experience, enriching their engagement with the Jewish community once they return.

In order to attend this program, I am in need of some financial support. I read on your website that _____ provides scholarships for young Jews to attend programs in Israel, but I could not find the link for the scholarship application. Please let me know how I can apply for these scholarships at your earliest convenience.

[Alternatively, etc.]: In order to attend this program, I am in need of some financial support. I read on your website that _____ supports young Jews engaging in Israel, so I was wondering if this could include a scholarship that would support my attendance on this program.

Thank you very much, [and I look forward to hearing from you soon,]

Canada and the US

- Your machaneh! <https://www.habonimdror.org/summercamps/>
- Your local ken and madrichim, for help with your scholarship applications.
- The HDNA Central Office, both for scholarships and payment plans.
- Your synagogue.
- Your synagogue's men's club/women's club.
- Your Rabbi. Rabbis often have discretionary funds, separate from synagogue funds, which they can use... at their discretion.
- Your local Jewish Federation. <https://jewishfederations.org/federation-finder>
- Your local Bureau/Builders of Jewish Education (BJE).
- Your local Jewish Community Center (JCC). <http://jcca.org/find-a-jcc/>
- Your university/college Hillel.
- Any other Jewish group you're a part of.
- Your Jewish Day School.
- Amy Adina Schulman Fund. <https://amyadinaschulmanfund.org/>
- Hebrew Free Loan (interest-free loans). <http://www.iajfl.org/>
- Masa. <http://www.masaisrael.org/>

Canada

Alberta

Calgary Jewish Federation

- Website: <https://www.jewishcalgary.org/ibp-making-jewish-life-more-affordable>

British Columbia

Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver Israel Scholarship

- Website: <https://www.jewishvancouver.com/israel-and-overseas/financial-aid>
- Programs: MBI, Workshop
- Eligibility: Need-based, BC resident or grew up in BC
- Deadline: November 24th, February 28th (two intake periods)
- Contact information: Shelley Rivkin srivkin@jewishvancouver.com

Camp Miriam Alisa Bowman Leadership Fund

- Website: N/A
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: Member of the Camp Miriam community
- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: Leah Levi camp.miriam@gmail.com

Ontario

Associated Hebrew School

- Website: N/A
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: Alumnus
- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: Ossy Goldenberg enrolment@ahschools.com

Tannenbaum CHAT

- Website: N/A
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: Alumnus

- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: Renee Cohen rcohen@tanenbaumchat.org

Jewish Free Loan Toronto

- Website: <http://jewishfreeloan.ca/j-sap>
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: This is an interest free loan for college or personal use.
- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: Irina Krushelnitsky irakrush@jewishfreeloan.ca

United States

Arizona

Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix

- Website: <https://www.jewishphoenix.org/get-involved/israel-center/israel-programs-for-teens>
- Programs: MBI, Workshop
- Eligibility: N/A
- Deadline: 2 months prior to trip
- Contact information: Harriet Colan harrietc@vosjcc.org

California

Camp Gilboa Gilboa Stewardship Fund

- Website: N/A
- Programs: MBI, Workshop
- Eligibility: Member of the Gilboa community
- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: Elana Bloomfield info@campgilboa.org

Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles

- Website: <http://www.jvsla.org/programs-and-services/jvs-scholarship-program/overview/>
- Programs: Hagshama (not to be used directly for this program)
- Eligibility: Need-based scholarship for college.
- Deadline: March 31st
- Contact information: scholarship@jvsla.org

- Website: <https://www.jewishla.org/program/israel-experience-grants/> (two scholarships)
- Programs: MBI
- Eligibility: First trip to Israel on a program (second scholarship is same but need-based)
- Deadline: First come first serve
- Contact information: Vicky Lee vlee@jewishla.org or israelexperience@jewishla.org

Jewish Free Loan Association

- Website: <https://www.jfla.org/summer-camp-loans/>
- Programs: Any

- Eligibility: Low- or moderate-income household. This is an interest free loan for Israel programs.
- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: Rebecca Marcus rebecca@jfla.org
- Website: <https://www.jfla.org/loan-programs/student-loans/>
- Programs: Hagshama (not to be used directly for this program)
- Eligibility: Low- or moderate-income household. This is an interest free loan for college, not a scholarship, which can offset the costs of college.
- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: Rebecca Marcus rebecca@jfla.org

Jewish Federation of San Diego County

- Website: <https://jewishinsandiego.org/myisraeljourney>
- Programs: MBI
- Eligibility: Need proof of MBI enrolment
- Deadline: January - March
- Contact information: Janese Cassel janesec@jewishfederationsandiego.org

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

- Website: <https://jewishfed.org/how-we-help/opportunities-support/scholarships/israel-within-reach>
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: N/A
- Deadline: 2 months before trip start date
- Contact information: Danit Trau israelwithinreach@sfjcf.org
- Website: <https://jewishfed.org/how-we-help/opportunities-support/scholarships/israel-experiences-teens-and-young-adults>
- Programs: MBI, Workshop
- Eligibility: N/A
- Deadline: March 15th for MBI; May 1st for Workshop
- Contact information: Aiko-Sophie Ezaki aiko-sophiem@sfjcf.org
- Website: <https://jewishfed.org/how-we-help/leadership-development/awards>
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: History of leadership
- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: Variety; see website

Jewish Federation & Family Services Orange County

- Website: <https://jewishorangecounty.org/about/what-we-do/grants/passport>
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: Need-based
- Deadline: January, March, May for Workshop and MBI; September for Hagshama
- Contact information: Jillian Katz passport@JFFS.org

Jewish Federation of the East Bay

- Website: <https://www.jfed.org/financial-aid/#1495824867782-0639f8d5-8a2f>
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: Need-based
- Deadline: March 5th for MBI; May 1st for Workshop; November 2nd for Hagshama
- Contact information: Alison Stein alison@jfed.org

Colorado

Jewish Colorado

- Website: <http://www.jewishcolorado.org/scholarships/>
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: Colorado resident
- Deadline: First come first serve
- Contact information: Heather Flowers hflowers@jewishcolorado.org

Connecticut

Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut

- Website: N/A
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: N/A
- Deadline: March 6th
- Contact information: Jade Stoltz jstoltz@jfed.net

Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford

- Website: <https://www.jcfhartford.org/Grant/IsraelTripScholarships/tabid/270/Default.aspx>
- Programs: MBI
- Eligibility: N/A
- Deadline: December 1st

- Contact information: Deb Howson dhowson@jewishhartford.org

Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

- Website: <http://scholarships.jewishnewhaven.org/israel>
- Programs: MBI, Workshop
- Eligibility: N/A
- Deadline: March 8th for MBI; May 3rd for Workshop
- Contact information: Brian Levy blevy@jewishnewhaven.org

Delaware

Jewish Federation of Delaware

- Website: <http://www.shalomdelaware.org/scholarships>
- Programs: MBI, Workshop
- Eligibility: Various
- Deadline: Various
- Contact information: scholarships@shalomdel.org

Florida

Greater Miami Jewish Federation

- Website: http://jewishmiami.org/about/departments/israel_overseas/looking_for_scholarships/
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: Need-based
- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: israeloverseas@jewishmiami.org

Illinois

Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago

- Website: https://www.juf.org/israel_experience/Scholarships-High-School.aspx
- Programs: MBI
- Eligibility: Enrolled in high school, need-based
- Deadline: March 1st
- Contact information: Jody Horowitz isralexperience@juf.org

- Website: https://www.juf.org/israel_experience/Scholarships-College.aspx
- Programs: Workshop, Hagshama

- Eligibility: Attend school in metropolitan Chicago, need-based
- Deadline: April 15th
- Contact information: Jody Horowitz israelexperience@juf.org
- Website: https://www.juf.org/israel_experience/Scholarships-Merit.aspx
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: In school in Chicago
- Deadline: March 1st
- Contact information: Jody Horowitz israelexperience@juf.org

Indiana

Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis

- Website: <https://www.jewishindianapolis.org/scholarships-internships/israel-scholarships>
- Programs: MBI; Any (two scholarships)
- Eligibility: Need-based; N/A
- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: israelscholarship@jfgi.org

Maryland

The Center for Jewish Education Baltimore

- Website: <https://www.cjebaltimore.org/CFIE>
- Programs: MBI, Workshop
- Eligibility: Need-based
- Deadline: April 10th
- Contact information: Reena Roshgadol cfie@cjebaltimore.org

Massachusetts

Jewish Federation of the Berkshires

- Website: <https://jewishberkshires.org/our-work/nurturing-a-jewish-future>
- Programs: MBI, Workshop
- Eligibility: Must have contributed to the Federation's past year's campaign
- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: federation@jewishberkshires.org

Harold Grinspoon Foundation

- Website: <https://hgf.org/grants-awards/israel-travel-and-study>

- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: Live in Western Massachusetts or Southern Vermont
- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: Shay gti@hgf.org

Combined Jewish Philanthropies

- Website: <https://www.cjp.org/our-work/israel-overseas/israel-teen-travel/the-myra-and-robert-kraft-passport-to-israel>
- Programs: MBI
- Eligibility: Must begin investing in 3rd or 7th grade, be a member of a synagogue, and be enrolled in a Jewish education program. Then, CJP will add \$700 as well as whatever interest was gained to the total amount.
- Deadline: Beginning of 3rd or 7th grade.
- Contact information: Marie Miller mariem@cjp.org
- Note: After 2017, there may be money in a renewed Israel Travel Scholarship program. Contact Stacey Gainey staceyg@cjp.org to check.

Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation

- Website: N/A
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: N/A
- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: Laurie Mindlin laurie@mvjf.org

Michigan

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit

- Website: <http://jewishdetroit.org/israel-overseas/study-volunteer-in-israel/>

Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor

- Website: <https://www.jewishannarbor.org/israel/israel-trip-scholarships>

Minnesota

Minneapolis Jewish Federation

- Website:
<https://jewishminneapolis.org/experience-israel/travel-scholarships/louis-herman-israel-experience-fund/>
- Programs: MBI
- Eligibility: N/A
- Deadline: ASAP
- Contact information: Sofya Barth sbarth@jewishminneapolis.org

- Website:
<https://jewishminneapolis.org/experience-israel/travel-scholarships/boroff-scholarship/>
- Programs: Workshop
- Eligibility: N/A
- Deadline: December 2nd, April 14th, July 21st (three intake periods)
- Contact information: Maayan Levy mlevy@jewishminneapolis.org

- Website:
<https://jewishminneapolis.org/experience-israel/travel-scholarships/israel-center-scholarship/>
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: Family income under \$120,000
- Deadline: Suggested 3 months prior to departure
- Contact information: Eilat Harel eharel@mplsfed.org

Missouri

Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City

- Website:
<https://www.jewishkansascity.org/Get-Involved/JFED-Family/Camp-Israel-Scholarships>

Nebraska

Jewish Federation of Omaha

- Website:
<http://www.jewishomaha.org/education/scholarships-and-grants/view/grant-programs/>

Nevada

Jewish Nevada

- Website: <https://www.jewishnevada.org/blog/direct-services/israel-program-scholarships>

New Jersey

Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey

- Website: <https://jewishheartnj.org/camp-travel>

Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey

- Website: <https://www.jfnj.org/services/>

Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey

- Website: <https://jewishsouthjersey.org/financial-aid>

New York

The Foundation for Jewish Philanthropies

- Website: <http://www.jewishphilanthropies.org/israel-scholarships/>
- Programs: Any
- Eligibility: Live in Erie or Niagara County
- Deadline: December 1st
- Contact information: Lisa Collins lisa@jewishphilanthropies.org

UJA-Federation of New York

- Website: N/A
- Programs: MBI
- Eligibility: Live in New York City, Long Island, or Westchester County
- Deadline: April 20th
- Contact information: For a need-based scholarship, Maya Paris-Saper finance@habonimdror.org; for a merit scholarship, your synagogue or one of UJA-Federation's "[core partners](#)" (if you are a member).

Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York

- Website: <https://www.jewishfedny.org/israel/israel-experience/>
- Programs: Any

- Eligibility: Must donate at least \$50 to the Federation per year. Then, can deposit up to \$175 per year in an account, which will be matched with \$100 from the Federation, up to \$1000 over 10 years. Money can be disbursed at any time for an Israel program.
- Deadline: N/A
- Contact information: Amy Drucker adrucker@jewishfedny.org

Hebrew Free Loan Society

- Website: <http://hfls.org/about/how-to-apply/>
 - Programs: Hagshama (not to be used directly for this program)
 - Eligibility: Low- or moderate-income household. This is an interest free loan for college, not a scholarship, which can offset the costs of college.
 - Deadline: N/A
 - Contact information: scholarship@hfls.org
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- Website: <http://hfls.org/scholarships/>
 - Programs: Hagshama (not to be used directly for this program)
 - Eligibility: Low- and moderate-income household. This is a scholarship which can offset the costs of college.
 - Deadline: July 7th
 - Contact information: scholarship@hfls.org

Jewish Federation of Central New York

- Website: http://jewishfederationcny.org/?page_id=3313
- Programs: MBI; Any (two scholarships)
- Eligibility: N/A; need-based
- Deadline: April 4th
- Contact information: Judith Stander jstander@jewishfederationcny.org

Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County New York

- Website: <https://jewishorangeny.org/jewish-life/engaging-our-youth/scholarships/israel-experience-scholarships>
- Programs: Any; MBI (two scholarships)
- Eligibility: N/A; need- and merit- based
- Deadline: January 31st
- Contact information: Sharon Ball sharon@jewishorangeny.org

North Carolina

Greensboro Jewish Federation

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

Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte

- Website: <https://jewishcharlotte.org/home/israel/jewish-experiences>

Ohio

Jewish Federation of Columbus

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

Cincy Journeys

- Website: <https://cincyjourneys.org/israel/high-school>
- Website: <https://cincyjourneys.org/israel/post-hs/grants>

Pennsylvania

Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley

- Website: <https://jewishlehighvalley.org/scholarships>

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

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

Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh

- Website: <http://jfedpgh.org/IsraelScholarships>

Tennessee

Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee

- Website: <https://www.jewishnashville.org/israel-incentive-grants>

Texas

Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas

- Website: <https://jewishdallas.org/israel-overseas/israel-scholarships>

Jewish Federation of Greater Houston

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

Washington

The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle

- Website: <https://www.jewishinseattle.org/investments-in-jewish-life/scholarships/teen-israel-scholarships/>

Washington, DC

Jewish Federation of Greater Washington

- Website: <https://www.shalomdc.org/israelquest/>

Wisconsin

Milwaukee Jewish Federation

- Website: <https://www.milwaukeejewish.org/departments/israel/israel-scholarships/>