



HADASSAH / YOUNG JUDAEA SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



1. Must my application be submitted via email, using the online form?
YES. By utilizing an online application process, we can gather the information we need in a timely manner. Please make sure to include your child's name and program in the subject line of your email and send it to the appropriate email address as listed on the application form. If you are having difficulties, please contact us via email at scholarships@youngjudaea.org.
2. What is the maximum scholarship allocation? What is the minimum scholarship allocation?
Hadassah has limited funds for scholarship. Our requests for scholarship almost always exceed available funds. We ask that you seek additional sources, as we may not be able to fulfill your entire need. Scholarship awards are need based, and we will try to help as much as we can.
3. When will I be notified of an allocation decision?
Merchav (regional) scholarship notifications to all camp applicants except Sprout Lake and Tel Yehudah will be sent the last week of March 2010. National scholarship notifications will be mailed on April 23, 2010.
4. What does the committee take into consideration when making allocation decisions?
The committee looks at the needs of those who apply including, but not limited to, cost of program, family income and expenses, travel costs to and from the YJ program, as well as the total number of applicants applying for scholarships and the amount of money we have to allocate.
5. Where do I send my tax documents?
Tax papers (2 copies) should be sent to Young Judaea, 50 West 58th Street, New York, NY 10019 Attn: Scholarship. Families asking for scholarships for more than one child need only send 2 copies per family.
6. Do I need to be registered for the program in order to apply?
YES. If you have not already registered, please send in your program registration by March 1, 2010 to be eligible for scholarship review. A scholarship application will not be considered if the applicant is not officially registered for the program.
7. Does my mother need to be a Hadassah member in order to apply?
YES. Please go to www.hadassah.org to join if she is not currently a member.
8. Can I fill out one application for all of my kids?
Each child needs a separate scholarship application, however only 2 copies of your tax papers PER FAMILY need to be submitted.
9. What if I miss the March 1st scholarship application deadline?
Please follow the same procedures and submit your application by May 4, 2010. These applications will be reviewed on Friday, May 14, 2010 pending availability of scholarship funds.
10. My parents are divorced, separated, or never married – do you need tax documents from both parents?
YES, tax documents from both parents are required in order for an application to be reviewed. If this is not possible, a letter from the court must be provided.

11. My 2009 taxes will not be finished until after March 1st. Will my application still be considered? Will a letter from my accountant suffice?
We must have current tax forms to consider your application. Please ask your tax preparer to forward your 2009 tax forms to you before the March 1 deadline. 2008 taxes will only be accepted if you provide a letter from your accountant explaining that your taxes have been deferred past the IRS deadline of April 15th.
12. What documentation is required from the business that my family owns?
All pertinent tax information
13. I am applying to other scholarships, but have not yet received notification of allocations. Should I still list those on my Hadassah scholarship application?
Please include information on all other scholarships to which you have applied with a date by which you should receive allocation notifications from those other scholarship funds. When you receive confirmation of other scholarships, please notify Young Judaea by emailing scholarships@youngjudaea.org.
14. What is MASA and why do I need to apply for MASA funding before my Hadassah Scholarship application is considered? *[Only applicable for Year Course / Shalem / Shevet applicants]*
MASA is a not for profit organization, funded by the government of Israel, the Jewish Agency for Israel and various partners, that helps Jewish youth study in Israel. There is a \$1,000 grant available for almost all North American students who apply and need-based scholarships are also available to those families who meet the financial requirements. Because the majority of applicants are eligible for some kind of MASA funding, you must show that you have completed the MASA application process before we will consider your application. Go to www.masaisrael.org for the application and contact masainfo@masaisrael.org with questions.
15. How do I inform the scholarship committee about changes to my financial circumstances (i.e. divorce, loss of a job, major medical expenses) that arise after the scholarship application has been submitted?
Please send any updated information as soon as you have it to scholarships@youngjudaea.org.
16. Is there an appeal process?
Yes. Once you received notification of a Hadassah scholarship allocation, you must notify Young Judaea by Monday, May 4, 2010 as to whether you will or will not accept the scholarship or if you are appealing the allocation amount. All appeals will be considered on Friday, May 14, 2010 and you will be notified of appeal decisions immediately thereafter.
17. What happens if my child withdraws or is removed from the program once he/she is already in Israel or at camp?
Students who leave any program voluntarily or who are dismissed involuntarily lose any and all of the scholarship funding allocated. The family will be responsible for paying the resulting tuition balance. Leaves based on severe medical issues will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
18. Who can I contact if I have additional questions?
Please email your questions and contact information to scholarships@youngjudaea.org. Someone will get back to you by email or phone within 72 hours (excluding Shabbat and holidays).