



Louise D. & Morton J. Macks Center for Jewish Education
Community Fund for Israel Experiences (CFIE) 2021 Overview for all programs

We strongly encourage you to fill out an application if your child is considering going.

2021/22 CFIE APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT A FACTS APPLICATION AT <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>
PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT SO THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE COMPLETE APPLICATION PROCESS.

**CFIE provides both need-based and merit scholarships.
See below for qualifications.**

Financial Need & Merit Scholarship Eligibility

- ❖ Application must be for a Jewish teen in grade nine through twelve, or **first year** post high school, living in Baltimore City or Baltimore County **OR** a student participating in a class trip of a Jewish school located in Baltimore City or County. If your child did not participate in an Israel program in their first post high school year due to COVID and is considering going in their 2nd post high school year, please contact Reena Roshgadol at rroshgadol@cjeb.org
- ❖ Applicant must plan to travel to Israel on an educationally validated program (no family trips) that begins during the 2021 calendar year

Additional Financial Need Requirements

- ❖ Applicant must have documented financial need
- ❖ Application consists of 3 parts – the CFIE portion, the FACTS application, a letter of recommendation, preferably by someone who can support your request for financial assistance (for example, your accountant)

**Additional Merit Scholarship Requirements
(For Gap Year Students Only)**

- ❖ Applicant must be going on a gap year program
- ❖ Application consists of 4 parts-the CFIE portion, an essay, your high school transcript and two (2) letters of recommendation: one which highlights your academic achievements and the second which highlights your character (for example an educator and a volunteer/extracurricular activity supervisor).

CRUCIAL REMINDER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- ◆ To be fair to all students, applications **WILL NOT** be considered past the deadline.
- ◆ **If you are unsure whether your child will be participating in an Israel experience, and you believe you may qualify fill out an application now.**
- ◆ CFIE is a program funded by THE ASSOCIATED: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore and some of its most dedicated contributors to ensure that **as many young people as possible** can visit, have positive experiences and study in Israel. Therefore, **we strongly encourage students to research and apply** for other scholarships which can be found on our [website](#).
- ◆ **Additional Information**
A need-based scholarship cannot cover more than one third of the cost of the trip. **If only a portion of the trip will**



take place in Israel, CFIE funding will cover up to one third of the cost of the portion of the trip that will take place in Israel.

- Scholarship awards are as follows:
 - Up to \$1,000 for class trips, single semester or summer programs
 - Up to of \$2,000 for gap year programs

Although anyone can apply, in the past applicants with a family income exceeding \$180,000 rarely qualified for a scholarship

Application Process

Carefully read the instructions below as information and/or the application process may change from year to year.

A complete CFIE application consists of the following three (3) elements:

1. The completed CFIE 2021/22 Scholarship application. This can be [found on our website](#). The application is an online fillable form. You have the option of beginning to fill out the application and saving it for completion later. When you click on “Save my progress and resume later” you will receive an email with a link that will take you back to the form you have begun. Please make sure to check your SPAM filter and make sure that you enable delivery of mail from “Machform”
2. An “Applicant Financial Summary” report which is produced upon completion of a FACTS application. The application can be found at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. For FACTS to verify your application you will be required to submit to FACTS your tax returns and any other financial documentation that FACTS require to process your application. **You may submit your 2019 tax returns if you will not have your 2020 tax returns available by the deadline.** Most schools require you to have a FACTS account to pay your tuition. **That IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED with the FACTS Scholarship Application which you must complete in order for CJE to receive an applicant Financial Summary.**
 - If you have already completed a FACTS application for the current school year call FACTS at 866-315-9262 and ask them to add “Center for Jewish Education”, (as indicated below) to your completed application. Please make sure that when completing the CFIE application you enter the date that you called FACTS to add CJE to your application.
 - If you have not completed a **FACTS Scholarship** application: Complete an online FACTS application available at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Please refer to the “Essential Information when completing Section 2” below.
3. A letter of recommendation from an appropriate source (a rabbi, principal, teacher, or community professional) that will support your application. Please ensure that it is submitted by the deadline. **The ideal letter is one that addresses both your family’s financial reality as well as the character of your child.** You may download the form for the recommendation [letter here](#) and hand it to your reference for completion or you may give this link <https://forms.cjebaltimore.org/view.php?id=126798> to the person writing your letter and s/he may complete the letter as an online fillable form. **The letter must be typewritten and must reach us before the deadline.**



Essential Information when completing Section 2 of the FACTS application

- a) There is a section in the FACTS application that asks you to enter student name, school name, tuition amount and the actual tuition you pay. Please enter this information for each of your children. **It is vitally important for you to include this information. If your tax return indicates that you have 5 dependents, and the scholarship committee sees tuition listed for only one child they will question the accuracy of the entire application. Therefore, it is essential that you list all the tuitions you are actually paying** (other than college) whether those schools require a FACTS application or not. Failure to include this information will result in FACTS determining you have greater resources than you really have and may result in your not receiving a scholarship.
- b) The **school name** for the child applying for CFIE should be “Center for Jewish Education.”
- c) The **grade** should be the applicant’s current grade, which means if your child is applying for a gap year, the grade should be 12. If you are paying tuition for other children, the **grade(s)** for them should be the grade they will be in next year.
- d) The **tuition** for the applicant should be the cost of the Israel program. If you are paying tuition for other children, the **tuition** should be the tuition you will pay for each of them next year.

FOR ALL APPLICANTS EXCEPT THOSE GOING ON A CLASS TRIP

Either with your application or upon notification of your being awarded a scholarship, you must send in proof of acceptance (acceptance letter, bill, or email confirmation). Funds will not be released to the Israel program until we receive the following information:

- i. The Federal Employer ID # of the school/program that proves tax exempt status
- ii. The correct mailing address of the school/program

Funding is limited and determined by the following criteria which must be received before the appropriate deadline for the program to which you are applying:

- Demonstrated financial need
- The completed CJE/CFIE application signed by parents/guardians and student
- The completed FACTS application, which requires that you submit to FACTS all the documentation they require
- A letter of recommendation that supports your application submitted by the deadline.

A copy of proof of acceptance to the program before we can release any funds.

PLEASE NOTE: TO BE FAIR TO ALL STUDENTS WE WILL NOT CONSIDER LATE APPLICATIONS

For more information

Please contact Reena Roshgadol, CFIE Program Administrator, Community Fund for Israel Experiences (CFIE) by phone 410-735-5024 or email CFIE@cjebaltimore.org