



Louise D. & Morton J. Macks Center for Jewish Education
Community Fund for Israel Experiences (CFIE) 2022/23 Checklist for All Scholarships

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

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

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](#)

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.
- ❖ Applicant must plan to travel to Israel on an educationally validated program (no family trips) that begins during the 2022 calendar year

Need based Scholarship Check List

1. Demonstrated Financial Need (Although anyone can apply, in the past applicants with a family income exceeding \$180,000 rarely qualified for a scholarship)
2. CJE Financial Application
3. FACTS Scholarship Application
4. Letter of recommendation, preferably by someone who can support your request for financial assistance (for example, your accountant)

Merit Scholarship Requirement (Gap Year Students Only)

1. CJE's Merit Application which requires 2 essays, and an upload of your high school transcript
2. 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).

➤ 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



Tips for filling out FACTS Application:

- If you have already completed a FACTS SCHOLARSHIP application (this **IS NOT** the application you fill out to pay tuition) for the current school year call FACTS at 866-315-9262 and ask them to add “Center for Jewish Education”, to your completed application. Please make sure that when completing the CJE Financial Need Application you enter the date that you called FACTS to add CJE to your application.
- The **school’s name** for the child applying for CFIE should be “**Center for Jewish Education.**”
- 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- You may submit your 2020 tax returns if you will not have your 2021 tax returns available by the deadline.

Letter of Recommendation Guidelines:

- **Merit Applicants** – 1 letter should address academic achievements and the 2nd should highlight character.
- **Need Applicants** - An appropriate source is an accountant, rabbi, principal, teacher, or community professional that will support your request for financial need.
- If you are applying for both scholarships, 2 letters are sufficient.
- Letters must be typewritten and must reach us before the deadline. **The scholarship committee represents the diversity of the Jewish Community. Please consider the audience when you are filling out this application. Translate all Hebrew terms and use English font only.**

FOR ALL APPLICANTS EXCEPT THOSE GOING ON A CLASS TRIP

Upon notification of a scholarship, you must send in proof of acceptance (acceptance letter, bill, or email confirmation from the school). 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

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

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