# MINNESOTA JCC SUMMER CAMP 2025 SCHOLARSHIP INFO AND FAQ







The Minnesota JCC believes that camping experiences are incredibly valuable for all children. It is our hope that financial need is not a barrier to any child's participation, and we encourage families to apply for financial assistance from all available sources.

**Minnesota JCC members** may apply for scholarships directly through the Minnesota JCC. Applications will be accepted beginning January 13, 2025. In order to be evaluated during the first round of scholarships, scholarship applications must be received by March 1.

Scholarships applications are reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis. The review period is 1-2 weeks from the date the completed scholarship application is received. Due to high need in the community, families are eligible for scholarships on up to 4 weeks of camp per camper during the first round of scholarship awards.

If additional scholarship funding is available after March 1, families may be eligible for scholarships on additional weeks. Families are encouraged to submit their completed applications promptly.

Scholarships are also available through a variety of local organizations (St. Paul Jewish Federation, Minneapolis Jewish Federation, synagogues, JFCS & JFS), and families are encouraged to apply to all funding sources.

Please notify the Minnesota JCC of any scholarships you are awarded from other sources so your camp tuition can be adjusted to reflect those scholarships.

If you need additional assistance with the scholarship process, please contact Ben Savin, Senior Director of Youth, Teens and Camping at **bens@minnesotajcc.org**.

# Minnesota JCC Camp Scholarship FAQs

#### Who is eligible for scholarships?

**Minnesota JCC members** are eligible to apply for need-based scholarships. Scholarship eligibility is evaluated based on financial need, and scholarships are awarded based on the order that applications are received. *The JCC encourages any member family that feels they may benefit to apply for scholarship!* 

#### What if I am not a JCC member?

Many other community organizations provide camp scholarships, including the St. Paul Jewish Federation and Minneapolis Jewish Federation, local synagogues, Jewish Family and Children's Services, and others. You are also encouraged to contact the <u>JCC Membership Office</u> to learn about membership rates – *you may also be eligible for a reduced membership rate*.

## How much will I be eligible for?

JCC Camp scholarships are need-based, and eligibility is based on accurate and thorough completion of your scholarship application.

#### **IMPORTANT**:

- 1) The maximum amount awarded per session per camper is 40% of camp fees.
- 2) Families are eligible for scholarships on up to 4 weeks of camp per camper
- 3) If additional scholarship funds are available after March 1, families may be eligible for additional scholarships above and beyond four weeks. Please reach out after March 1 to indicate interest in additional scholarship beyond 4 weeks.

# When can I apply, and when are scholarship applications due?

Applications will be accepted beginning January 13, 2025. To be evaluated during the first round of the process, scholarship applications must be received by March 1. Please submit your application before March 1 to be considered during the first round.

## Are there other ways to receive scholarships or reduce my camp tuition?

In addition to scholarships, you may spread your camp payments out between January and June to reduce the amount of each individual payment. Qualifying families may be eligible for an extended payment plan to further reduce the amount of each individual payment, with all final payments being due no later than September 1, 2025.

#### Who should I contact with questions about scholarships/financial aid?

Please contact Ben Savin, Senior Director of Youth/Teen/Camping at bens@minnesotajcc.org