



# 2023 Financial Assistance Resources for Families

## CAMP HARLAM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (SCHOLARSHIP) PROGRAM

1. The **Camp Harlam Financial Assistance process begins with enrollment at camp**. You will have an opportunity to indicate your plan to apply for assistance during the registration process. Although the registration deposit will be fully refunded in the event that assistance awards are less than what a family has sought, we do need confirmed enrollment before assistance can be considered. To apply for assistance from Camp Harlam, **a family must complete a Financial Assistance application (this will be an online form available in your CampInTouch account on November 15th)**.
2. Once logged in to your CampInTouch account (setup when you registered), select “Forms/Documents” on your dashboard and choose the Financial Assistance form (this will be available on November 15<sup>th</sup>).
3. In addition to the main form, we also ask all members of synagogues to access the Synagogue Participation form that is also accessible in the “Forms/Documents” section and provide it to your synagogue. This form should also be used by families requesting synagogue scholarship, but not applying for Financial Assistance through Camp Harlam.
4. **All NEW applicants (those who *did not* submit a Financial Assistance application for the 2022 camp season) must submit 2022 tax returns by February 28<sup>th</sup> to learn of an award decision by April 1<sup>st</sup>. If submitting taxes early presents a challenge, please submit 2021 and forward your 2022 taxes once completed.**
5. **All RETURNING applicants (those who *did* submit a Financial Assistance application for the 2022 camp season) must submit 2021 taxes by December 31<sup>st</sup> to learn of an award decision by January 31<sup>st</sup>. We do not maintain your taxes from year to year, so you will need to resubmit your tax return.**
6. Financial Assistance applications are due by December 15th (or within 2 weeks of registration for campers enrolled AFTER December 15th) for both **NEW** and **RETURNING** applicants.

## FAMILIES SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR MULTIPLE CHILDREN AT CAMP

- We automatically apply a sibling discount during registration of \$150/\$250 (second child/each additional child).
- Through the generosity of the Weidhorn Family Foundation, a \$1,000,000 endowment for scholarship has been established at Camp Harlam. This allows us to begin awarding special Weidhorn Scholarship Program awards to families with 2, 3, 4 or 5 children at camp. No special form needs to be completed and families with multiple children will be considered for this program during Camp Harlam’s Scholarship Committee review process. Weidhorn Scholarship Program awards are intended to provide sustainable awards over numerous years at camp for families with multiple children attending. **Families who receive the scholarship through the Weidhorn program will not have to apply for financial assistance each year, but will receive the same award for as long as the same number of kids are enrolled at camp.**
  1. This is open to all families with more than one child at camp during the 2022 season in need of financial assistance.
  2. This program is meant to offer a similarly-sized gift award as the standard scholarship process, but will be renewed each year for the same or similar amount as long as the fiscal circumstances remain the same and the same number of children attend. This is intended to give families more of a long-term and reliable view of support from camp.

3. Applicants should provide insight into the specific circumstances that make the commitment to send multiple kids to camp difficult, and why this may have immediate and longer-term impact on their enrollment at camp.

## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT

- **One Happy Camper:**

One Happy Camper (OHC) is a program run by the Foundation for Jewish Camp that provides non-needs-based incentive grants for children to attend Jewish overnight camp for the first time. **The grant amount is \$1,000 for a child attending Harlam's 3½-week session and \$700 for a child attending Harlam's Introductory Rishonim Experience** (in the Greater Metro West area, there are reductions in the grant amount if a sibling has ever received the grant). OHC grants are funded through a combination of the FJC and other donors and may only be available in certain Jewish communities in North America (and almost always are limited in quantity.) **We are pleased to report that in 2023, Camp Harlam will once again be a donor in partnership with the FJC to fill the geographic gap if a first-time family qualifies for an OHC grant where one is not available.**

**FAMILIES MUST ENROLL FOR CAMP PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR THE OHC GRANTS.** Once we receive notification from the Foundation for Jewish Camp of the OHC approval, the \$1,000 (or smaller grant, as appropriate) will be applied as a credit to your account. Families can apply and learn about eligibility for the OHC grants at [onehappycamper.org](http://onehappycamper.org). **There are a limited number of One Happy Camper Scholarships available so we recommend you apply as early as possible.**

- **Synagogue Scholarships:**

Many synagogues have scholarship programs to help offset the cost of camp tuition for their congregants. We often partner with congregations, particularly for those families that apply for assistance through the Camp Harlam Financial Assistance Program. A Synagogue Participation Form (now available on our website and in your CampInTouch account) is a key part of the Financial Assistance application, but you can also submit a request to your congregation independent from participating in the Camp Harlam Financial Assistance program. When a synagogue notifies us of a scholarship commitment, it will immediately be applied as a credit to your account and lessen your financial responsibility. For all families that are **members of URJ (Reform Movement) synagogues, Camp Harlam works hand-in-hand to help to leverage available funds from camp and the congregations.** Some synagogues have special scholarship funds set aside, while others may consider support on a person-by-person basis.

- **Jewish Federations and other resources:**

Many of the Jewish Federations in North America offer needs-based camp scholarships. Please contact your local Federation for information about their programs or click the appropriate links below for information about Federation camp scholarships in your area:

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia: <https://www.jewishphilly.org/programs-services/jewish-camping/camp-scholarships>

Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley: <http://jewishlehighvalley.org/scholarships>

Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey: <http://jewishheartnj.org/camp-travel>

Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey: <http://jewishsouthjersey.org/agencies-partners/department-of-jewish-education/financial-aid>

Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest: <https://www.onehappycampernj.org/financial-incentives/greater-metrowest-scholarship/>

Jewish Federation of Reading: <https://readingjewishcommunity.org/home/camp>

Jewish Community Alliance of Lancaster: <https://www.jcalancaster.org/jcal.html>

**We are ready to help answer your questions and assist you throughout this process. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at any time, and we welcome you to first contact Cori Miller, at [CMiller@URJ.org](mailto:CMiller@URJ.org) or 610-668-0423, ext. 1033 to talk through any concerns.**