

Application for the Overnight/Sleepaway Camp Grant

This application is for JewishAkron families in the Greater Akron area to receive a \$2000 per child need-blind grant to use towards an approved Jewish Overnight/Sleepaway Camp. If your family has multiple children, all children of Overnight/Sleepaway camp age are eligible for a \$2000 grant per camp enrollment.

Approved camps must identify themselves as Jewish, and activities/offerings must include substantial Jewish content. The definition of Jewish content that we have adopted is based on the Foundation for Jewish Camp's definition: Jewish camp weaves Jewish values, culture, and traditions into the fabric of camp. Use this definition as your guide. This grant cannot be used for any other type of camp.

If your camp is not on the current approved Jewish Overnight/Sleepaway Camp list or you are unsure if your camp qualifies, please contact us for approval. Approved Jewish Overnight/Sleepaway Camps are currently attached at the end of this application, along with whom to contact to add the camp of your choice.

If additional scholarship support is needed for making Jewish Overnight/Sleepaway Camp an affordable option, please feel free to call or email Dawn Heffner (330-835-0006 or dheffner@shawjcc.org) for details and consideration, and a need-based scholarship application will be sent to you. Need-based scholarships are subject to review and not guaranteed.

We look forward to your application for the Overnight/ Sleepaway Camp Grant. Our goal is to make this an annual ongoing scholarship grant for the future. Our hope is to engage our younger Jewish Community in Jewish Overnight/Sleepaway camp so that they can build meaningful, deep rooted connections to Judaism and strengthen their involvement in our community for years to come.

Please send completed applications to Dawn Heffner. **All applications must be received no later than October 25, 2026.** Applications can be emailed, scanned, mailed, or can be dropped off at the JCC, ATTN: Dawn Heffner. JCC address: 750 White Pond Dr. Akron, OH 44320

You will be notified on/around November 10, 2026.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Synagogue (if applicable): _____

Camper(s) Name: _____

Camp(s) Planning to Attend: _____

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All grant money received will be made payable to choice of camp(s). You will be notified when funds are available for disbursement.

Current Approved Jewish Overnight/Sleepaway Camps

CAMP WISE (Mandel/Cleveland)

CAMP LIVINGSTON (Indiana)

CAMP RAMAH (in New England)

CAMP ZEKE (Pennsylvania)

CAMP AIRY & LOUISE (Maryland)

EMMA KAUFMANN CAMP (West Virginia)

URJ 6 POINTS SCI-TECH ACADEMY (Massachusetts)

URJ GOLDMAN UNION CAMP INSTITUTE (GUCI)
(Indiana)

URJ OSRUI (Wisconsin)

To add a camp not seen on the above list please contact Dawn Heffner at 330-835-0006 or dheffner@shawjcc.org.