



# SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

## Resource Guide

### FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR

Alpert JCC Early Childhood Education

Alpert JCC Camp Komaroff

AJCC Membership Fees

AJCC Swim Lessons

JCC Maccabi Games® (Team Long Beach)

Other Jewish Summer Day & Sleepaway Camps  
(Silver Gan Israel, JCA Shalom, and others)

Birthright Israel and other Israel travel  
experiences for youth & teens

### In this Packet:

- Program Fee Adjustments
- Jewish Connections Network Grants
- Third-Party Funding Sources & Subsidies for Childcare/Camp
- Community Scholarships



# Jewish Long Beach

## Financial Assistance

Jewish Long Beach offers two primary applications for financial assistance for Early Childhood Education, Camp Komaroff, and Alpert JCC Membership. All applications are reviewed by Jewish Long Beach staff.

### Fee Adjustments (also known as Financial Aid)

Our primary form of financial aid for families.

### Jewish Connections Network (JCN) Grants

This donor-led fund is available to Jewish/interfaith families seeking Jewish education and connection.

### A Helpful Guide to Understanding the Difference

	FEE ADJUSTMENTS	JCN GRANTS
ELIGIBILITY	All families welcome	For Jewish/Interfaith families
AWARD AMOUNT	Up to 30% of program fees	Fixed amounts depending on program
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS	Need-based (tax documents required)	No tax or financial documents required
AVAILABILITY	Rolling Basis	
APPLICABILITY	Can be used for ECE, Camp, Membership	

**YES**, qualifying families may apply for both funds and combine their awards!

# Fee Adjustments

**Eligibility:** Any family in need of financial assistance to participate in our ECE program, including Alpert JCC Membership fees.

**Award Amount:** Applicants may be awarded **up to 30% of program fees** (including tuition and membership)

**Timeline:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. We aim to notify families of their award amount within 2 weeks of applying. Please note that incomplete applications may delay your award notification.

## Application Requirements:

- Employer contact information for you and your spouse/partner (if applicable)
- Values of family assets & liabilities (equities, investments, savings, loans)
- Gross earnings (income, salaries, child support, alimony, etc) and payments (rent, mortgage, loans, medical, etc)
- Most recent federal tax return
- TWO recent pay stubs

We require families to renew their applications each year so we can evaluate and accommodate changing personal circumstances. We understand our members' lives change from year to year, and that while some may no longer need assistance, others may need to apply for additional support. This yearly renewal allows us to reconnect with our members to serve them to the best of our ability.

<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	All families welcome
<b>AWARD AMOUNT</b>	Up to 30% of program fees
<b>APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	Need-based (tax documents required)
<b>AVAILABILITY</b>	Rolling Basis
<b>APPLICABILITY</b>	Can be used for ECE, Camp, Membership

# Jewish Connections Network (JCN) Grants

The Jewish Connections Network is a giving circle of passionate and generous donors with a simple goal: **to ensure that every Jewish family in Long Beach can participate and feel at home at the Alpert JCC.**

**Eligibility:** Families with at least one self-identified Jewish member of their household with a desire to participate in Jewish programs and education

**Award Amount:**

- For ECE: Up to \$4,000 per child per school year
- Camp Komaroff: Up to \$900 per child per summer
- Membership: Up to 50% of membership fees for an entire year

**Timeline:** JCN Grants are available on a rolling basis, with awards typically distributed within 2 weeks. Please note that incomplete applications may delay your award notification.

<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	For Jewish/Interfaith families
<b>AWARD AMOUNT</b>	Fixed amounts depending on program
<b>APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	No tax or financial documents required
<b>AVAILABILITY</b>	Rolling Basis
<b>APPLICABILITY</b>	Can be used for ECE, Camp, Membership



The Jewish Connections Network is a fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Long Beach.

# Additional Funding Resources

We proudly partner with these third-party resources to provide further financial assistance for early childhood education. For more information, please contact the programs listed directly.

If you have received additional funding from a program not listed, please reach out so we may learn more.

## **Mayor's Fund (Long Beach Early Learning Hub) - [thehublb.org](http://thehublb.org)**

The Long Beach Early Learning Hub can help you identify financial assistance and scholarships to help cover the cost of childcare. Your family size, income, and other family circumstances determine whether you qualify.

## **Crystal Stairs - [crystalstairs.org](http://crystalstairs.org)**

Assists low-income families in paying for child care and managing work and family obstacles as they transition from welfare to work.

## **Children's Home Society (CHS) - [chs-ca.org](http://chs-ca.org)**

Children's Home Society of California (CHS) helps families find and pay for child care, and offers programs and services to support families and the child care community so that children can thrive in their development.

# Community Scholarships

Jewish Long Beach offers three types of scholarships to support Jewish students and campers and enrich Jewish leadership.

## **Jewish Long Beach Scholarship Fund**

Supports opportunities for youth ages 19 and under to gain Jewish education and leadership experience. Eligible programs include Jewish day/sleepaway camps, leadership training programs, and unique Jewish youth experiences.

## **Rabbi Laibson Campership Fund**

Sustains Jewish continuity by connecting local children with opportunities to attend Jewish sleepaway camp. Previous awards have averaged \$575. Priority will be given to first-time applicants.

Please note: This campership is intended for camps outside of the Alpert JCC. For Camp Komaroff camperships, please use the Fee Adjustment and/or JCN Grant applications.

The Laibson Campership Fund is partially underwritten by Dr. Barry and Rita Zamost and Congregation Shir Chadash.

## **Bob Baldwin Memorial Fund**

Connects our youth to Israel through organized peer trips, community trips, and educational programs. The maximum award is \$1,800 per participant. Eligible participants (ages 13-30) include those going on a trip to Israel sponsored by an approved non-profit organization, including volunteer, study abroad, and Birthright programs.

Note: Baldwin Scholarships are available on an ongoing basis. To request a scholarship application outside of the regular application cycle, please contact [scholarships@jewishlongbeach.org](mailto:scholarships@jewishlongbeach.org)

# FAQs

## **Can I apply for multiple streams of aid?**

Yes, qualifying families may apply for Fee Adjustments AND JCN Grants and combine their awards.

## **Does applying for aid affect my child's admission into ECE?**

No, financial aid applications are reviewed separately from your enrollment to ensure fairness. In fact, we encourage parents to begin the registration process in Daxko to ensure their preferred program and schedule while awaiting results of their application. Please speak with the enrollment team for more information.

## **Who reads my application?**

All applications are reviewed by Jewish Long Beach staff.

## **Is financial aid available year-round?**

Yes, applications are open year-round.

## **What's the difference between Fee Adjustments and JCN Grants?**

Fee Adjustments are need-based as determined by your financial circumstances and available to all families regardless of religion. JCN Grants are available to Jewish families, or households with at least one self-identified Jewish member, irrespective of financial need.

## **My award isn't sufficient - what are my options?**

Please contact us to discuss your unique situation in more detail, and so that we may help in connecting you with other streams of funding.

## **Do you offer scholarships for other programs outside of AJCC ECE/Camp Komaroff?**

For more information about scholarships for other summer camps, Israel travel, and other educational experiences, please visit [jewishlongbeach.org/scholarships](http://jewishlongbeach.org/scholarships)

## **Who can I talk to for more questions?**

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