



**MARY AND HARRY ZIMMERMAN YOUTH EXCHANGE ENDOWMENT FUND
HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE AGE STUDENT INCENTIVE GRANTS**

*****Program Qualifications and Guidelines*****

The Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee wants to ensure the continued existence of a dynamic and diverse Jewish community. It is the intent of the Federation to encourage Jewish Students to visit Israel. In order to make this possible, the Federation provides incentive grants for Israel programs to qualified student candidates.

Grants are awarded on the basis of the applicant's motivations and achievements, as measured by the successful completion of the application form.

To be eligible for a Mary and Harry Zimmerman Family Youth Exchange Endowment Fund Incentive Grant the applicant must:

- I. Be a student in a secondary school which is located within the geographic area served by the Jewish Federation of Nashville.**
- II. Be a college student whose family is located within the geographic area served by the Jewish Federation of Nashville.**
- III. Have resided in the geographic area, except college students, served by the Federation for the school year immediately preceding departure for Israel.**
- IV. Belong to a family whose parent(s) or guardian(s):**
 - 1) have contributed to the Federation during the twelve months immediately preceding the submission of the grant request,**
 - 2) be a member in good standing of the Jewish Federation which is defined as having no outstanding balances beyond the current year campaign,**
 - 3) use the grant within the 12-months after it is awarded for an organized program in Israel, verified by the grant administrator.**
- V. Previous family vacations to Israel do not preclude a student from receiving an Incentive Grant.**

VI. All recipients of incentive grants agree to:

- 1) volunteer during the Annual Campaign at Tzedakah Tzunday or other Federation fundraising event**
- 2) write either an article or story, to be published in the Observer, including at least one photo of themselves, about their Israel experience, and**
- 3) write a thank you letter to the Jewish Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Nashville describing the impact of the Israel experience, and**
- 4) talk about their Israel experience to adult or youth groups (e.g.: Israel Program Fair, speak at Shabbat Services or Sunday School group, Senior Groups, etc.)**

Each person may receive a one-time incentive grant (or combined total of several small grants) of up to \$2,000 either in high school or in college. Programs of less than four-week duration qualify for up to a \$1,000 grant. Participants receiving \$1,000 may re-apply for the remainder to use toward a longer trip to Israel. Grant amounts may vary depending on the number of applicants each year and/or limitations set by the Jewish Federation of Nashville.

A letter of recommendation from an adult other than a member of the applicant's family must be included with the application. The person preparing the recommendation should be knowledgeable about the applicant's ability to participate in such a program, basing comments on past performance in the Jewish community and knowledge of the applicant's objectives.

The Mary and Harry Zimmerman Youth Exchange Endowment Fund High School and College Age Student Incentive Grants is the result of an endowed gift housed and administered by the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

For more information, please contact, Tania Bukengolts, (615) 354-1668 or tania@jewishnashville.org.

Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee

Mary and Harry Zimmerman Youth Exchange Foundation Fund Incentive Grant Application

(All application forms should be printed in ink or typed and returned to the Jewish Federation 6 weeks before final payment is due to the qualifying program to: Tania Bukengolts, 801 Percy Warner Blvd, Suite 102; Nashville, TN 37205 or rtania@jewishnashville.org.)

1. Your Full Name _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

2. Your Address _____
Number & Street City State Zip Code

Home Telephone & Area Code () _____

Cell Phone & Area Code () _____

Email Address _____

3. Date of Birth _____ Current Grade _____
Month / Day / Year

4. Full Name of Father or Guardian _____

Email Address _____

Occupation _____ Business Name _____

Business Address _____
Number & Street City State Zip Code

Business Telephone & Area Code () _____

Cell Phone & Area Code () _____

Home Address & Telephone (if different from yours) _____
Telephone

Number & Street City State Zip Code

5. **Full Name of Mother or Guardian** _____

Email Address _____

Occupation _____ **Business Name** _____

Business Address _____

Number & Street **City** **State** **Zip Code**

Business Telephone & Area Code () _____

Cell Phone & Area Code () _____

Home Address & Telephone (if different from yours) _____

Telephone

Number & Street **City** **State** **Zip Code**

6. **With whom do you reside?** _____

7. **Secondary Education**

Name of School	Address	From/To	Graduation Date

8. **Synagogue or Temple Affiliation**

Name of Congregation _____ **Rabbi's Name** _____

Address _____

Number & Street **City** **State** **Zip Code**

Telephone Number and Area Code () _____

Email Address of Rabbi or Education Director _____

9. **Extra Curricular Activities and Hobbies (Music, Sports, Drama, etc.)**

10. **Summer Camp Participation**

Name of Camp	Location	Dates	Camper / Counselor

11. **Is this your first trip to Israel? _____ If no, explain _____**

12. **Do you speak or understand Modern Hebrew? _____**

13. **Name and Sponsor of Israel Program you have chosen**

(This information must be provided)

Billing Address _____

Telephone () _____ **Fax ()** _____

Email Address _____

Contact Name _____

14. **Please detail length of the program (time spend in Israel), itinerary and travel dates.**

15. **WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO LEARN OR GAIN FROM YOUR SUMMER EXPERIENCE IN ISRAEL? (Write a one-page essay to answer the above question. You may use the back of this form or a separate piece of paper.)**

THERE ARE CERTAIN PREREQUISITES FOR RECEIVING AN INCENTIVE GRANT. THEY ARE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION.

IT IS IMPORTANT, WHEN YOU SIGN YOUR NAME TO THIS APPLICATION, THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS STATED ON THE ATTACHED PAGES AND THAT YOU AGREE TO THEM.

I HAVE READ THE CONDITIONS ENCLOSED WITH THIS APPLICATION AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____