

Application for the Jewish Community Board of Akron's Scholarship for Jewish Studies

The Jewish Community Board of Akron is pleased to make available to the Akron area community a Scholarship for Jewish Studies. This Scholarship is designed to encourage and support K-8 students to enroll in The Lippman School and select the Jewish Studies focus by lowering the cost barrier. **Determination of the level of awards will be needs-based; however, even if you do not qualify for standard financial aid, you may still be eligible for the JCBA Scholarship for Jewish Studies.**

Eligibility:

Any family with a child(ren), regardless of religious affiliation or identification, selecting the Jewish Studies focus of The Lippman School is eligible to apply on behalf of that child(ren).

Process:

1. Families must complete The Lippman School's full financial aid application online at www.factstuitionaid.com. The JCBA will not have access to these forms. Rather, the JCBA will receive a summary report including the recommended financial aid for each family (identified only by a confidential Family ID #) and the amount of financial aid offered by The Lippman School.
2. Families must complete this brief Scholarship application and deliver it to the JCBA by either:
 - (1) Emailing dzelin@thelippmanschool.org
 - (2) Faxing to 330-869-2514, attention: Debbie Zelin
 - (3) Mailing to Debbie Zelin, The Lippman School, 750 White Pond Drive, Akron, Ohio 44320.

Completed applications *must be received no later than February 29, 2016 to be considered in the first round of determinations for new and re-enrolling families.*

3. Families will be notified of the JCBA Scholarship award decisions no later than **April 1, 2016 for the first round of determinations.**

Required Information:

Family ID #: _____

Please get your ID# from Debbie Zelin at The Lippman School. Do not include your name on this application as the unique ID # will enable anonymity.

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper, taking as much space as you need.

1. Describe why you are interested in The Lippman School and, in particular, the Jewish Studies focus for your child(ren).
2. Describe why you are applying for this scholarship.
3. On behalf of how many children are you applying for the Scholarship for Jewish Studies?

Frequently Asked Questions about the JCBA Scholarship for Jewish Studies

1. **Do I have to apply for financial aid from The Lippman School in order to apply for the JCBA's Scholarship for Jewish Studies?**

Yes. A family must complete The Lippman School's full financial aid application. This includes both the National Association of Independent School's School and Student Services' Parent Financial Statement (PFS) as well as The Lippman School's form.

2. **Why do I have to apply for financial aid from The Lippman School?**

The JCBA Scholarship committee is benefiting from the analysis done by both The Lippman School and the National Association of Independent Schools' School and Student Services (SSS). This provides the JCBA Scholarship committee with consistent, independent, and thorough analyses as well as anonymity of families' identities (only the Family ID # is seen).

3. What if I don't think I'll qualify for financial aid?

It is understood that there may be some families who will not qualify for financial aid assistance from The Lippman School but may have meaningful financial difficulty in paying the whole tuition rate. The JCBA Scholarship committee will be informed of each family's financial aid allocation, if any, by The Lippman School and will thus be able to assess the remaining need each family has.

4. On what basis will the JCBA Scholarship committee make their award decisions?

Determination of the level of awards will be needs-based. However, it is understood that there may be some families who will not qualify for standard financial aid assistance from The Lippman School, but may have meaningful financial difficulty in paying the whole tuition rate. Therefore, even if you do not qualify for financial aid from The Lippman School, you may still be eligible for the JCBA Scholarship for Jewish Studies. Some families may qualify for both the JCBA Scholarship and standard financial aid from the Lippman School.

5. Will my financial identity be shared with the JCBA?

No. The Lippman School will issue to the JCBA Scholarship committee a blinded report with summaries of each family's financial aid application data and any financial aid award. Each summary will have a Family ID # that Scholarship applicants must get from Ruthellen Fein at The Lippman School in order to complete the Scholarship application.

6. What will the size of the Scholarship awards be?

Each Scholarship award is needs-based and will be based upon the assessment of need.

7. How does this Scholarship compare with the Millennium Fund?

The Millennium Fund, which was discontinued as of the 2010-2011 school year, was made available to every Jewish family that had a child(ren) enrolled in the Jerome Lippman Jewish Community Day School regardless of need. The JCBA Scholarship for Jewish Studies will be made available to any family with a child(ren) who selects the Jewish Studies focus of The Lippman School and will be awarded based on need.

8. Is any preference given to a Jewish family in the decision-making process?

No. The Scholarship's intent is to support any child selecting the Jewish Studies focus, regardless of his/her religious affiliation or identification, based upon his/her family's level of financial need.

9. Who will be making the Scholarship award decisions?

Scholarship awards will be made by a JCBA Scholarship committee with no overlap in representation with The Lippman School's financial aid committee. The JCBA committee will comprise a limited number of representatives of funders of the Scholarship fund. At this point in time, funders include the JCBA and Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation. It is hoped that additional funders will opt in over time.

10. How and when will awards be disbursed?

The JCBA Scholarship committee will inform The Lippman School of each Scholarship award decision by Family ID #. The Lippman School will submit confirmation of the child(ren)'s enrollment at The Lippman School and selection of the Jewish Studies focus for 2016-2017 by Family ID # to the JCBA committee. In order to protect the identity of families, Scholarship award checks will be issued directly to The Lippman School on behalf of each Family ID # and The Lippman School will reflect the Scholarship award amount in tuition invoices families receive.

11. Is the JCBA Scholarship for Jewish Studies available to child(ren) enrolled in schools other than The Lippman School?

No. The intent of this scholarship is to support TK-8 Jewish education in Akron. The Lippman School is currently the only full-time TK-8 educational institution that provides such an education in town.

12. If I am laid off and not re-employed during the school year, may I apply for additional scholarship consideration?

Yes. The Scholarship Committee will reopen consideration for unusual financial circumstances.

13. If I decided to apply to The Lippman School after the first-round deadline, may I apply for scholarship consideration?

Yes. The Scholarship Committee will consider applications for students after the first round.