

TEEN FOUNDATION

The Young Jewish Giving Teen Foundation (YJG-TF) is an excellent way to experience the grants process first hand. YJG-TF will grant \$5,000 to programs they believe will make a difference in our local community and beyond. Teens develop the grants program as a team, request project proposals, and evaluate programs for funding over the course of the year.

Apply Today!

Participation in the Teen Foundation is by application only and can potentially be used as either a leadership or community service citation for college applications. Service learning hours will be given for participation on the Teen Foundation board.

The mission of Young Jewish Giving Teen Foundation is to positively affect the lives of those in need throughout the Omaha Jewish community and beyond, through an approach to philanthropy designed to:

- **Promote tzedakah** as a personal and Jewish community value.
- **Understand community needs through first-hand visits** to community agencies and conversations with their beneficiaries.
- Learn ways in which tzedakah and volunteerism can **enhance the quality of life of those in need** and the organizations that serve them.
- **Engage Jewish leaders as role models** in order to operate within and understand the dynamics of consensus building.
- **Thoughtfully distribute charitable funds** in the community based on relevancy and need.

2018-2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings will be from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Jewish Federation Conference Room unless otherwise noted.

September 16

October 7

November 18

January 27

February 24

March 10

April 14

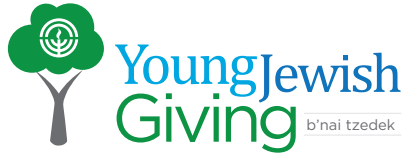
YJG Giving Shuk

April 16, 6pm

JCC Auditorium

Questions? Contact Danielle
Gordman at 402.334.6446 or
dgordman@jewishomaha.org





FAQs

When are applications due?

Applications for the 2018/19 YJG Teen Foundation board are **due September 4, 2018.**

Applications will be reviewed by Jewish Federation staff. Acceptance notification emails will be sent September 9, 2018.

Applications can be emailed to **dgordman@jewishomaha.org** or mailed to **Danielle Gordman, YJG Teen Foundation Advisor, 333 S 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68114**

Which ages/grades can apply to join?

Teens entering 9th-12th grades are welcome to apply.

What is the time commitment to be a Teen Foundation (TF) board member?

The YJG Teen Foundation board includes seven Sunday board meetings (12:30-2pm in the Jewish Federation Library) and the annual Giving Shuk (6-8pm in the JCC Auditorium) where the grant checks will be distributed. All dates listed on the 1st page. Board members must commit to attending at least four of the seven meetings in order to vote on the final allocation of funds and to be considered in good standing for participation the following year.

How long can I be on the TF Board?

You can be on the board all four years of high school, or a single year. Once you have been accepted to the board you are guaranteed a spot for the following year as long as you have fulfilled the attendance requirement.

What is the financial commitment for TF Board members?

There is no financial commitment to be a member of the Teen Foundation board. However, you must have a Young Jewish Giving account to be accepted to the board. Applications for YJG are available by contacting Danielle Gordman at dgordman@jewishomaha.org or online at <http://www.jewishomaha.org/about/community->

[programs-and-events/young-jewish-giving/](#).

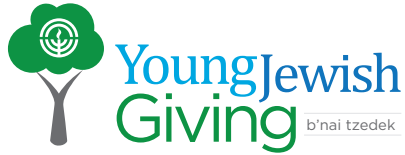
What will I learn by being on the TF Board?

- Nonprofit Research
- Public Speaking
- Consensus Decision-Making
- Grant making
- Assessing community needs
- Strengthening teamwork and leadership skills
- Conducting interviews with potential recipients
- Debating societal issues with peers
- Challenging your perspective and learning from peers
- Meeting other Jewish teens!

How long has the TF been around?

Jewish Teen Foundation is entering its 2nd year. We had a very successful first year. The following grants were made:

- \$2,500 Big Brother Big Sisters of the Midlands to support providing funds for their Big/Little program. The funds are used by Bigs to enjoy meaningful and fun activities with their Little ensuring that all adults, regardless of means, can serve as mentors to kids in need.
- \$1,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of Omaha to support their reading program.
- \$500 Jewish Federation of Omaha Scholarship Fund to support camp scholarships.
- \$250 Inclusive Communities to purchase a Chatbox, a wireless micro-phone system, to enhance the IncluCity weekend retreats.
- \$250 Siena Francis Homeless Shelter to fund their meal program, which provides daily meals to Omaha's homeless community in a dignified setting.



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Participants must have a YJG account and are required to attend 4 of 7 meetings from September to April in order to vote on fund allocation. Meetings will be Sundays from 12:30-2pm, snacks will be provided. We look forward to a successful year of learning and philanthropy. Service hours will be given for attending each meeting.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ DOB (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Address _____

School _____

Cell Phone _____ Instagram _____

E-Mail Address _____

GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Address (If different than applicant) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name of your synagogue (if applicable)* _____

Preferred Pronoun: He/Him She/Her They/Them Ze/Hir Just my name, please

I currently have a Young Jewish Giving account?

YES

No, but I am willing to open a Young Jewish Giving account with a \$125 donation. I understand my gift will be triple matched and I will have a \$500 donor-advised fund through the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation. (A Young Jewish Giving application is available online at tinyurl.com/jawgp9c.)

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Please list any school clubs, summer camps, charities, youth groups, etc. in which you are a participant.

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Describe one or more experiences you have had giving tzedakah, fundraising for a cause, or doing community service. What did you take away from the experience?

Why are you interested in participating in the YJG Teen Foundation? What skills and attributes would you bring to the Foundation? What skills would you hope to develop?

- I am committed to participate fully in the scheduled meetings throughout the 2018-19 school year. I understand that my participation is vital to the success of the program, and if I need to miss a session, I will make necessary arrangements to be informed as to the areas covered in that session.
- I am committed to participate in more than half of the planned meetings. I understand if I do not meet my attendance requirement I forfeit my ability to vote during the grant making meeting.
- I am committed to promptly read and respond to all YJG Teen Foundation emails and texts.

Participant Name (PRINTED)

Guardian Name (PRINTED)

Participant Signature

Date

Guardian Signature

Date

