

TEEN FOUNDATION

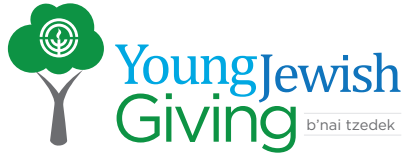
The Young Jewish Giving Teen Foundation (YJG-TF) is an excellent way to experience the grants process first hand. YJG-TF will grant at least \$5,000 to programs they believe will make a difference in our local community and beyond. Teens develop the grants program as a team, request project proposals,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



FAQs

When are applications due?

Applications for the 2022/23 YJG Teen Foundation board are **due August 22, 2022 by 5pm.**

Applications will be reviewed by Jewish Federation staff. Acceptance notification emails will be sent August 29, 2022.

Applications can be emailed to **jgeltzer@jccomaha.org** or mailed to **Jacob Geltzer, 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 will meet once every other month and attend the J-Serve program for a day of service and where the grant checks will be distributed. Members must commit to attending these 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 serve?

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, participation and RSVP requirements. If eligible, you will be invited back on May 2, 2022 and must accept or lose your guaranteed spot by May 9, 2022 at 5pm. If you are eligible but do not respond to save your spot by May 9 at 5pm you are able to apply again in August. There are limited spots on the board.

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 Jacob Geltzer at jgeltzer@jccomaha.org or online at <http://www.jewishomaha.org/about/community-programs-and-events/young-jewish-giving/>.

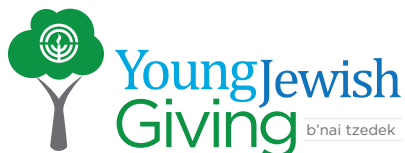
What will I learn by being on the TF Board?

- 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 it been around?

Entering its 6th year. Previous grants include:

- \$2000 to Child Saving Institute for a therapist in the emergency shelter or at-risk youth
- \$1750 to Meyer Foundation for Disabilities to underwrite a yoga program for adults with disabilities
- \$1000 to Ezras Nashim to support the efforts to provide dignified emergency care for women, provided by women for observant Jews in Brooklyn, NY
- \$1000 to HETRA to underwrite the cost of a therapy horse
- \$250 to Jewish Family Service to underwrite counseling sessions



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Participants are required to attend 3 of 4 meetings from September to March in order to vote on fund allocation and be considered in good standing for another year of eligibility on the board. Meetings will be made a month in advanced and communicated to all Teen Foundation members. Meetings will last about an hour to an hour and a half, but some may last longer depending on how many interviews the board elects to conduct. Service hours will be given for attending each meeting and other work done outside of our scheduled meetings. Attendance at J-serve is Mandatory.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ DOB (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Address _____

School _____

Cell Phone _____

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/youngjewishgiving)

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?

Must check all boxes to be considered for the board.

- ☐ I am committed to participate fully in the Bi- monthly meetings throughout the 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 about the missed session.
- ☐ I am committed to attend 5 of the 6 planned meetings.
- ☐ I am committed to promptly reading and responding to all YJG-TF emails and texts. A response is expected within 48 hours.
- ☐ I am committed to RSVP-ing to all meetings and events whether I can attend or not.
- ☐ I understand that if I do not fulfill these commitments I will not automatically be eligible to serve on the Teen Foundation board again. I understand I will have reapply.

Participant Name (PRINTED)

Guardian Name (PRINTED)

Participant Signature

Date

Guardian Signature

Date