

**Jewish Federation of Huntsville and North Alabama**  
***ISRAEL TRIP AND LEADERSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM***  
**Program Qualifications and Guidelines**

The Jewish Federation of Huntsville and North Alabama (JFHNA) makes Israel Program grants available to local Jewish Families and youth. The purpose of the grants is to provide supplemental financial aid to be applied toward educational and Jewish identity strengthening programs in Israel as well as leadership training programs sponsored by recognized Jewish institutions or organizations in the United States. The grants are up to \$750 for first time trips to Israel and up to \$250 for leadership training programs.

It is the intent of JFHNA to encourage Jewish persons (high school youth, college students and young adults) to visit Israel. By doing so, it is hoped that the numbers of those who have the opportunity to go to Israel will increase. It is also the intent of JFHNA to build and sustain strong commitment to Judaism among our youth, who will be our leaders of tomorrow.

Grants awarded will be merit based upon the applicants' motivation and ability to convey their motivation to the scholarship committee through an essay that they will submit with their application, followed by a personal interview with the selection committee.

To be eligible for a JFHNA Grant, the applicant shall:

- I. Be at least age twelve and, if below college age, attending a school located within the geographic area served by JFHNA.
- II. Have made application and been accepted to a program sponsoring a trip to Israel or at least 60 days prior to the deadline for the application to a Leadership Training program.
- III. Have resided in the geographic area (except for college students) for the school year immediately preceding making application for the grant.
- IV. Belong to a family who will use the grant in the calendar year for which it is awarded.
- V. This grant will be for a program in Israel that is sponsored by an educational or religious organization that is approved by JFHNA.
- VI. Grant recipients agree to:
  - a. Maintain a daily journal while in Israel or attending a Leadership Program
  - b. Report on the trip to the Board of Directors of JFHNA and to all congregations in the area during the year after returning
- VII. Each person may receive an Israel grant ONE TIME, either in high school or in college.
- VIII. Parents of youngsters who receive grants are encouraged to actively volunteer and support Jewish activities during the year following receipt of the grant.
- IX. The number of grants awarded in any given year depends upon funds available and qualifications of the applicants. JFHNA reserves the right to determine the number of grants to be awarded.

- X. It will be agreed before hand that if a grant is made but unused for any reason e.g. cancellation, during the year, the money will be returned to JFHNA within 90 days.
- XI. Parents or Guardians of the person granted funds will be required to sign a Liability Release for JFHNA.
- XII. Applications must be submitted at least 60 to 90 days prior to the application deadline for the program.