

## **B'nai Emet Synagogue Scholarship Application Packet**

Dear Scholarship Applicant and Parent(s),

Attached you will find the B'nai Emet Scholarship Packet. We have taken great care in streamlining the application form while still providing the necessary information for adequate review and appraisal by the Scholarship Committee. The Committee is faced with the arduous task of promoting summer camp experiences for our youth while assisting applicants and their parents with the ever-increasing program fees. Grants are awarded from received donations and the interest that is generated from the principal in our scholarship fund. As program fees and number of applicants continue to increase, we must realize that available scholarship funds are, therefore, limited.

Before completing the scholarship application, please review the following rules:

1. Parent(s) of all applicants must be up-to-date in their dues to B'nai Emet.
2. Applications will only be considered for programs previously approved by the B'nai Emet Scholarship Committee. Approval is based on whether the program is consistent with the educational goals of the congregation, the philosophy of Conservative Judaism and the program's suitability for the applicant.
3. Scholarship consideration will only be given to applications completed in full. Incomplete forms will be returned and should be promptly completed and re-submitted.
4. Priority will be given to older students; i.e. age 13 and up.
5. Applicants whose household income is below the \$60,000 range MUST APPLY to Federation and Talmud Torah, if the camper is enrolled. Families whose income falls in this category and who are sending their child(ren) to Herzl, MUST also apply to Herzl Camp. Applicants for programs in Israel must contact their respective programs. A complete list of donor agencies and phone numbers is attached.
6. Scholarship money cannot be used to pay for Shabbat School.
7. The applicant's family must commit to continuing their membership for two (2) years after receiving the scholarship or be required to repay the scholarship.
8. **There is a maximum grant of \$1,000 per child per year.**

### Summer Camps/Israel Experiences

Children of members in good standing are eligible to apply for scholarships for a Jewish summer camp experience or for study in Israel. Scholarships will be awarded for overnight summer camp experiences of at least 3 weeks duration. Day camps are NOT eligible.

Criteria used for consideration for scholarship shall include:

- Financial need 50%
  - Participation of child in B'nai Emet's youth program (USY) 10%
  - Participation in some sort of continuing Jewish education (Talmud Torah/Saturday School) 10%
  - Participation of the child in the Saturday morning Tutoring program 10%
  - Participation of the child's parents in Synagogue Board or committees 10%
  - Other factors 10%
- 100%

Summer camp applicants need to fill out the **Supplementary Aid Application** and the **Student Information Form**. Applications for summer programs must be received by the deadline of January 31, 2008. Applications received after the deadline or are incomplete can only be given secondary consideration; i.e. after funds have been allocated. A later date is only with the approval of the Scholarship Committee. The Committee reserves the right to reject any late applications.

#### Youth Conventions

Scholarships granted for tutoring or awarded for *bar/bat mitzvah* (Korczak) may be requested to pay for USY conventions or other USY or youth functions. These scholarships should be requested through the Scholarship Committee and will be paid directly to USY.

Scholarships for youth conventions that exceed the "earned" monies will be considered and paid on an individual basis. Applications for these scholarships should be made to the Scholarship Committee and will be approved by the Youth Commission.

The same criteria used for summer camp experience will be used to determine eligibility for this scholarship.

#### Senior Award

An award to the most outstanding high school graduate will be made once per year. The Award Committee shall include the Rabbi, Youth Director and Shabbat School Director. The student's involvement in the Synagogue (USY, Saturday morning program, etc.) will be used as criteria for the award.

#### Post-Secondary Scholarship

Four post-secondary funds are available for post secondary use. Applicants need to fill out the **Post-Secondary Application** and submit it no later than **January 31, 2008**.

Sincerely,  
B'NAI EMET SYNAGOGUE  
Scholarship Committee

**B'NAI EMET SYNAGOGUE  
SUPPLEMENTARY AID APPLICATION**

**\*All information furnished will remain confidential.\***

NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 FATHER/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ MOTHER/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
 OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 GROSS INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_ GROSS INCOME \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL INCOME:

CHILD SUPPORT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ALIMONY \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER MISC \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES & AGES OF OTHER CHILDREN IN FAMILY. PLEASE INDICATE WHICH SUMMER PROGRAMS  
 THEY MAY PARTICIPATE IN. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS WHERE PAYMENTS ARE TO BE SENT \_\_\_\_\_

I. BASIC PROGRAM COST	\$ _____	A. PARENT(S) CONTRIBUTION	\$ _____
II. TRANSPORTATION FEE	\$ _____	B. APPLICANT'S CONTRIBUTION	\$ _____
III. OTHER FEES	\$ _____	C. Approx. <i>Shabbat</i> School scholarship credit	\$ _____
(specify)	\$ _____	D. <i>Bar/Bat Mitzvah</i> Award (if applicable)	\$ _____
		(Please specify)	
IV. TOTAL COST	\$ _____	E. REQUEST FROM TALMUD TORAH	\$ _____
		F. REQUEST FROM OTHER SOURCES	\$ _____
		a. _____	\$ _____
		b. _____	\$ _____
		c. _____	\$ _____
		G. TOTAL	\$ _____

OUR REQUEST FROM B'NAI EMET SYNAGOGUE IS: (IV minus G) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

By providing my signature, I affirm that our family is financially current with B'nai Emet Synagogue. I understand that, should my child leave this camp/program for reasons other than a medical or family emergency, I may be required to refund scholarship monies back to B'nai Emet Synagogue.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 PARENT OR GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE

**COMMENTS:** Please use the back of this application to describe any special family circumstances that should be taken into consideration in awarding financial need assistance (i.e. loss of job, emergency medical expenses, etc.).

Received on \_\_\_\_\_

**B'NAI EMET SYNAGOGUE**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**Student Information Form**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ TALMUD TORAH GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT(S) NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM NAME AND DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received scholarships from B'nai Emet Synagogue before? Y / N

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_

What Jewish educational program(s) have you participated in this year?

How will you continue your Jewish education next year?

What synagogue program(s) have you participated in this year?

How will you work in our synagogue program(s) next year?

What educational goals do you have for your summer experience?

In accepting this scholarship, I agree to become a regular participant in synagogue rituals (i.e. *Shabbat* services), continue my formal Jewish studies, and maintain active membership in a B'nai Emet Synagogue Youth program during the coming year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature                      Date                      Parent's Signature                      Date

**B'NAI EMET SYNAGOGUE POST-SECONDARY  
INFORMATION/APPLICATION**

There are three post-secondary funds available for scholarship use. All are under \$200 and are awarded on a one-time-only basis and cannot be applied for concurrently. All applicants must be members or members of families in current financial standing at B'nai Emet Synagogue. Funds are available from:

Molly & Julius Chanen Education Fund – accredited college or university, U.S. or Israel.

Norman Cohen Education Fund – accredited college, university or technical college.

Frances Sachs Israeli Scholarship Memorial Fund – accredited Israeli college or university.

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Current school or college: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous involvement at B'nai Emet while in high school (USY, *Shabbat* School, etc.)

Current involvement in Jewish/community programs (Hillel or synagogue, campus organizations, volunteering, professional organizations):

Describe the educational program for which you are applying:

What other types of financial aid are you applying for (school, federal/state aid, private)?

Your address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Income (child support/alimony, rental, interest, etc) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names/ages of other children in family \_\_\_\_\_

**OUR FAMILY IS FINANCIALLY CURRENT WITH B'NAI EMET SYNAGOGUE.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

The following is a list of local sources with whom the B'nai Emet Scholarship Committee coordinates financial aid for summer camps and programs. Families are responsible for contacting sources directly and making application. Please take note of all deadline dates as they may differ from B'nai Emet's. In some cases, incomes are verified and tax information is required.

Minneapolis Federation for Jewish Services has a Community Scholarship Camping Fund that can offer aid for most camps and programs. Call 952-593-2600.

Talmud Torah of Minneapolis offers scholarships based on need. A \$200 per year stipend for programs in Israel is also available for teens who are full-time students through high school. Call 952-381-3300.

Louis Herman Israel Experience Fund offers community grants up to \$1000 for qualified teens (15-18 years old) who participate in various programs in Israel. Call 952-381-3552. Web site [www.jewishminnesota.org](http://www.jewishminnesota.org) click on Missions and Travel.

Alexander Muss High School in Israel offers additional aid to students enrolled in the program. Contact Penny Ziessman at 952-381-3550.

Programs in Israel offers aid for its various summer and school year programs, such as Masada or Volunteers in Israel. Call 952-381-3552.

Herzl Camp offers financial aid to qualified families. Parents who are medical personnel may be on staff to help defray some of the cost. Contact the local office at 952-927-4002.

Camp Ramah has limited scholarship funds available. Parents who are medical personnel may be on staff to help defray some of the cost. Contact the Chicago office for information at 312-606-9316.

National Council of Jewish Women (763-545-1120) and Hadassah (952-924-4999) occasionally provide limited aid to single parents.

USY Pilgrimage in Israel – contact the B'nai Emet Youth Director at 952-927-0491 for additional information on USY scholarship.

Minneapolis JCC (952-381-3400) is a possible source for financial aid, depending on the affiliation of the summer program.

Contact your child's Jewish Day School for scholarship information.