



What is this program?

The Mandel Myers Fellowship is a unique program designed to encourage Jewish Cleveland's college students to work at Jewish overnight camp and develop into future Jewish leaders. This program has two important components:

1. Learning workshops that are filled with a rich curriculum centered around applied professional and leadership development, Jewish learning explorations, and intentional networking opportunities to connect the experience of working as overnight camp counselor to career skills.
2. A college scholarship of up to \$5,500 or \$4,500 to offer future Jewish leaders a meaningful opportunity that may have previously been too financially burdensome or unaffordable.

What are the dates of the program?

The program application will be available December 29, 2023, and will close April 1, 2024. The learning workshops will take place on the following dates:

Sunday, April 14- Online on Zoom

Wednesday, May 29- at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland

Thursday, August 8 – at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland

Who is this program for?

This program is for students who:

1. Identify as Jewish
2. Reside in the greater Cleveland, Ohio area OR is a U.S. Resident with a signed employment contract with Camp Wise, a program of the Mandel Jewish Community Center
3. Have a signed contract with a Jewish overnight summer camp in North America (U.S. or Canada) that is part of the Foundation for Jewish Camp network
4. Are enrolled full-time in an in-person, accredited university for Fall 2024 seeking a bachelor's or master's degree

What is the scholarship amount?

First-time counselors are eligible for up to \$4,500.

Returning counselors are eligible for up to \$5,500.

To receive the full scholarship amount, participants must complete a full summer at camp (at least 8 weeks), attend all required learning workshops, and complete all required activities/projects.

What if my camp only offers half summer employment?

For camps that only offer half summer employment, a prorated scholarship will be awarded.

What if I am only able to work a partial summer at camp?

If you are only able to work a partial summer, please contact your camp to discuss the opportunity and a decision on acceptance into this program will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Which camps are participating in the program*?

All B'nai B'rith Camps

All Habonim Camps

All Ramah Camps

All URJ Camps

All Young Judea Camps

Beber Camp

Camp Havaya

Camp Livingston

Camp Seneca Lake

Camp Stone

Camp Wise

Camp Yavneh

Eden Village Camp

Emma Kaufmann Camp

Tamarack Camp

*Other [Foundation for Jewish Camp](#) network camps with intentional Jewish education curriculum that are not on the list above may be eligible for review.

What if I am enrolled in a gap year program following my summer at camp?

For students enrolled in a gap year program, you are eligible to defer your scholarship for one year until the start of the following school year. Please contact Jessica Rosenblitt jrosenblitt@jfsa-cleveland.org for more information on this option.

Is this a needs-based scholarship?

No, this scholarship is an investment in all rising Jewish Cleveland leaders who make a commitment to being a camp counselor at an eligible camp regardless of financial situation. If you meet the criteria above, you are eligible for this scholarship.

When will the scholarship funds be sent?

The scholarship is split into two parts. The first half will be sent to the school in August and the second half will be sent to the school in December. Each student will be responsible for reaching out to their school's financial aid office to confirm that the Mandel Myer's Fellowship Scholarship will not negatively impact any financial aid from the school or another outside source.

Do I have to complete my summer at camp to receive the scholarship?

Yes! This fellowship requires that students complete their full contract with their camp to develop all relevant skills and fulfill their commitment to camp.

Do I have to attend all learning workshops?

Yes! The learning workshops will build on each other to create a full fellowship experience. Attendance at all three learning workshops is required to receive the full scholarship. Please make every effort to attend the sessions in person, as the experience is most meaningful. Fellows who need accommodations due to absences must communicate with program coordinator, Leah Taylor at LTaylor@jewishcleveland.org, ahead of workshop dates.

I have more questions, who do I ask?

For questions regarding general information about the Mandel Myers Fellowship Program, please contact Leah Taylor at ltaylor@jewishcleveland.org. For questions regarding the application and scholarship logistics, please contact Jessica Rosenblitt jrosenblitt@jfsa-cleveland.org.