

TBS Scholarships 2023-2024

Parents and students, please read and sign at the bottom.

This signed agreement should be return to TBS ASAP

Temple Beth Shalom children and teenagers are truly blessed.

This year the process of awarding scholarships has changed. The process will be competitive and require families to meet certain deadlines and requirements. The scholarships that are available will include Camp Solomon Schechter; USY and Gesher for regional or national events, and scholarships to offset costs of an eligible Israel program, subject to the following criteria:

1. A recipient's family must be current with their membership contribution to Temple Beth Shalom.
2. Scholarships are available after 6 months of membership in good standing at TBS.
3. Scholarships for Israel programs must be submitted **by April 30, 2024**, for programs that take place in the coming summer or school year. (Example – for spring session in the year 2025, students need to apply by April 2024) This is a competitive application process and TBS will award up to two scholarships per school year.

The scholarship award will be up to \$2500. The requirements will include:

- a. 80% attendance at Midrasha high;
 - b. One Friday service and one Saturday service each month for a total of 10 services throughout the school year;
 - c. A two-page typed essay explaining why you want to participate in an Israel program and what you hope to gain from the experience; and
 - d. 10 volunteer hours at the Temple.
4. Scholarships for Camp Solomon Schechter – are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis according to the registration date for CSS. The first 18 students must fulfill their requirements by **April 30** of the same school year, and each child can be awarded up to \$1000.

5. For USY/Gesher scholarships, a recipient must be eligible for membership in USY nationally. Each child will be eligible for one scholarship per school year in the amount of \$500.
6. For CSS and/or USY/Gesher scholarship recipients the requirements will include:
 - a. The students must be enrolled in and regularly attend Temple Beth Shalom's Midrasha programs and Hebrew School. Regular attendance means the student is present for at least 80% of scheduled classes; and
 - b. All students must attend services as required by their age bracket. This requirement may be satisfied by attending services at other congregations while out of town.
7. If a participant cannot attend the TBS educational program, their parents should contact the Education Director to arrange for an approved alternative learning opportunity for their child.
8. All scholarship recipients must be present for and participate in class led services and USY led services as applicable. **Prior** approval from the recipient's teacher, or the Youth Director for teen recipients, is required in the case of absence. An appropriate substitute may be offered and shall be agreed to and implemented (i.e., participate in other service in cooperation with Rabbi) to maintain qualification.
9. All teen recipients of CSS and USY/Gesher scholarships are **strongly encouraged** to give back to the TBS community by volunteering. Additional criteria for scholarship eligibility include a demonstration of a strong sense of community responsibility and commitment to the TBS community.
10. The following events are included in the scholarship program:
 - Camp Solomon Schechter (including one year of Oded)
 - USY / Gesher Kinnus (Fall or Spring) or USY Regional convention or USY National conference.
 - One Israel Program (In the past this has been granted only for specific programs—USY Summer Israel programs, Camp Schechter summer Israel programs, and Alexander Muss HSI summer, quarter, and semester programs. There is a question as to whether we broaden that to include other programs, or create a different process)

11. Payment of a recipient's portion of fees is **due at the application deadline**. Applications that are received after the deadlines set by CSS or by the Youth Director are not eligible for scholarship money. If timely payment of the recipient's portion for a USY event is not received, the USY member will become ineligible for scholarship assistance for that event.
12. Travel to youth group events must be arranged with the itinerary selected by the Youth Director. In the event separate travel arrangements are made or requested, each family will be solely responsible for the purchase of said transportation. Reimbursement shall be at the same rate as other participants and will be made within a reasonable time after submission of receipts.
13. If a child or teen is sent home from any program as a result of any violation of the "code of conduct", the participant and parents will be responsible for the immediate and full reimbursement of the scholarship amount to Temple Beth Shalom. **Failure to reimburse Temple Beth Shalom will render the recipient ineligible to be considered for any future scholarship.** Further, the participant will be ineligible to receive a scholarship for a period of one year thereafter. The participant will be expected to propose and implement a service project to TBS, approved by the Rabbi, to become eligible for future scholarships.
14. A child who receives a scholarship will be required to fulfill all requirements that are set forth above. If the student returns from a program early and is unable to complete the program, TBS may require the family to reimburse TBS for all or part of the scholarship that has been awarded.
15. Each year, the scholarship fund will be given a specific amount from the Foundation. In the event there is money remaining in the scholarship fund, the Education Director and Education Committee will determine how the remaining money will be shared between the eligible scholarship applicants.

Parents

Date

Student

Date

Requirements by scholarship activity:

	CSS	Youth Group	Israel trip
School registration and attendance	✓	✓	✓
Service attendance by age bracket	✓	✓	✓
Recipient's family must be <u>current</u> with their membership contribution	✓	✓	✓
Volunteer hours encouraged for TBS community.	✓	✓	✓