

Cornerstone Alumni Grants



Foundation for Jewish Camp is thrilled to announce that past participants in Cornerstone are eligible for small grants to create Jewish experiences for their peers and communities. The grant amounts can vary from idea to idea, but FJC anticipates the average grant will be between \$100-300 for a one-time program or ongoing series of events. In some cases, FJC will even help grantees plan the event!

The Cornerstone Fellowship is about **building leaders** and helping camp staff see themselves as Jewish educators. We aim to assist alumni of the program to take their ideas and experience even further, **amplifying Jewishness** in their communities with the support of Cornerstone Alumni Grants.

Got Questions? Find Answers Below!

Who's eligible?

Anyone who participated as a Cornerstone Fellow is eligible to apply. Consider teaming up with Cornerstone Alumni from your camp or other camps, those living in your area or creating a virtual experience!

How much does the grant cover?

FJC anticipates the average grant amounts will be between \$100 - \$300 for a single program or ongoing series of events. All amounts are in US Dollars and distributed as reimbursements (*see below, "How does the grant work?"*).

Consider teaming up with Cornerstone Alumni from your camp, other camps, or in your region. Several Cornerstone Alumni combining as a team working together on a project may be eligible for a larger grant amount.

If you have a bigger idea, please reach out to us – the amounts may be negotiable in some cases. We also encourage you to collaborate with other organizations for support, including additional programming and financial resources (if it makes sense for your goals).

When is the deadline?

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through February 1, 2018.

Recipients must complete their event(s) by April 1, 2018, unless otherwise agreed upon in the grant application acceptance/award letter.

Within two weeks following the program, a Reflection Report is due to FJC. If your event is recurring, you may be asked to submit more than once.

As part of the Reflection Report, you will need to scan and upload all receipts and invoices, complete a short survey, write a blog about your experiences, and submit pictures, video, a program write-up, and/or other related materials (you will know in advance what materials are required).

Why is FJC giving out these grants?

As Jewish educators, Cornerstone Fellows are charged with creatively infusing Jewish content into camp. FJC hopes Cornerstone Fellows see themselves as being Jewish educators beyond camps' summer season.

We know Jewish camp experiences have lasting effects long after being a camper or staff member. FJC wants to encourage, support and enable Cornerstone alumni to be the initiators of those experiences, bringing their skills, knowledge, passion and enthusiasm to their communities beyond camp (be it home, school, synagogue, etc.).

We also aim to encourage alumni to continue their own learning, understanding that the best educators are always open to growth opportunities to innovate and expand their personal horizons!

How does the grant work?

It's easy!

First, determine if you and your event proposal are eligible. (Review this document and the website's FAQ's. If you're still unsure, contact us at Cornerstone@jewishcamp.org.)

Then, fill out an application. This form asks about the prospective Jewish experience, including a plan for implementing your idea, details about the Jewish content, and a list of resources you will need and already plan to use.

You'll hear from FJC within approximately two weeks of your completed application. If accepted, an FJC team member will follow-up to discuss your plans and confirm the grant award.

The grant recipient (you!) is responsible for the cost outright, to be **reimbursed** by check for cost(s) following completion of the event/experience, submission of related receipts, *and* completion of the full Reflection Report online form (including a blog post or another form of reflection determined by the FJC team and agreed upon with the recipient). All grants are distributed in US Dollars.

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Do I have to do it alone?

We encourage you to involve others in your planning and organizing!

And, if you apply for the grant with other Cornerstone Alumni – you could be eligible for a larger grant allowance. Consider teaming up with Cornerstone Alumni from your camp, other camps, or living around your region! [See “Who is eligible?”]

An FJC team member will consult with the applicant to help make this event a reality – each step of the way. Once the experience happens, the participant will wrap things up by filling out a short online form, submitting receipts for the grant check, and completing a Reflective Report. [See “How does the grant work?”]

We love working with others, and if it makes sense for your experience to be held in partnership, talk to your local Hillel, Moishe House, JCC, synagogues, Federations, Reboot, OneTable, Honeymoon Israel, etc. If you have questions, please just ask FJC.

What kinds of experiences are FJC looking to fund?

The experience should be heavily influenced by Jewish content and planned for the applicant and/or their community (this may include friends, peers at school, teammates, work colleagues, etc.). [For timeline details, see “When is everything due?”]

Need some ideas? Here are a few below. The FJC team is happy to help you brainstorm other ideas to reach your goals!

Some ideas this grant DOES cover:

- Jewish Educational events
- Jewish social events
- Camp-style Shabbat at Hillel
- Speakers
- Film screenings
- Shabbat and Holiday celebrations
- Adding Jewish content to an existing social event
- Jewish Book Club
- Virtual Jewish learning opportunities
- Coordinating a Conference (for example: organizing a weekend Jewish Family Camp)
- Campfire and S’mores Story Slam performance

This grant can NOT cover:

- Personal one-on-one coaching
- General tuition costs (for example: to subsidize an MBA program or attend a conference)
- The purchase of hardware or other equipment
- Ongoing business-related expenses (e.g. renting office space, long-term equipment rental, etc.)
- Services that you are rendering to yourself, your organization, or others. For example: grants cannot pay for your time spent preparing for a presentation or for salaries.

Here are some great projects from 2016-2017:

- Young Adult Shabbat Lunch Series
- Independent Shabbat Minyan and Meal series in a camp-style backyard
- Community Gardening and Social Justice Program Series
- Jewish Cooking Class Series

- Group theater experience to “Conviction,” followed by an interfaith panel discussion
- Camp-style Shabbat dinners on campus, Brandeis University, MA (Anna Stern, Camp Ramah in California)
- Intimate Speaker Series on Israeli Culture, Music, Fashion, and Food
- Israeli Dance Festival
- Jewish Identity and Learning Fellowship series for undergraduate students
- Community-wide Israel Fair
- Creative Seder, Matzah Pizza Party & Havdalah
- Young Family Chavurot and Jewish Holiday Programs

Could this experience happen in partnership with another organization?

Yes! We love working with others, and if it makes sense for your experience to be held in partnership, talk to your local Hillel, Moishe House, JCC, synagogues, Reboot, OneTable, etc. If you have questions about collaboration ideas, please ask us.

Can I apply more than once?

Cornerstone Alumni may submit one application in total (this includes individual applications and as part of a team) per cycle. Alumni are eligible to apply for and potentially receive a grant each year.

When is everything due?

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with this cycle closing on February 1, 2018.

Those who apply before February 1, 2018, must complete their event by April 1, 2018, unless otherwise agreed upon in the grant application acceptance/award letter.

Recipients must submit their follow-up materials within two weeks after the event/experience conclusion (related receipts, completed online form, and Reflection Report). These items are due on the date noted in your approval email (usually within two weeks of your event/experience). Following this time, your grant may be forfeited and no longer reimbursable (unless otherwise agreed upon with an extension requested in advance and approved in writing by FJC).

When am I entitled to receive my grant money?

After you’ve completed the event or experience, submit follow-up materials (including related receipts, completed online form, and reflection report). Once FJC has reviewed your materials and approved them, your reimbursement will be processed.

How do I apply?

Fill out [an application online](#) to tell us about the prospective Jewish experience, including an implementation plan, an idea of the Jewish content, and a list of resources. If accepted, an FJC team member will follow-up to discuss your plans and to confirm the grant award.

You should expect to hear from FJC within two weeks depending on the time of year.

What is involved in the Reflection Report?

Within two weeks of completing your project, you will be asked to submit a short written reflection on what you learned, experienced, and how you affected others in your community. This should be approximately 500 words.

You may also be asked to submit pictures, video, a program write-up, or other related materials. FJC reserves the right to share these documents in our publications and with the grant's funders.

More Questions?

Visit www.jewishcamp.org/alumnigrants and review the FAQ's, or contact us at Cornerstone@jewishcamp.org !