

**Please read carefully  
before completing  
the attached  
application.**

**The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
Pacific Southwest Region  
Financial Aid Application Instructions**

Funds for these grants are provided by United Synagogue Congregations in the Pacific Southwest Region through their payments of United Synagogue dues package. Additional funding is provided by the United Synagogue Youth Tikun Olam Program. Grants are awarded by the United Synagogue Regional Scholarship Committee. **ALL APPLICANTS MUST SHOW FINANCIAL NEED.**

Due Date

Financial Aid Applications, required income tax documents, and reference forms must be submitted to the Pacific Southwest Region office by the due date for the program for which you are applying as listed below. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered!**

**REGIONAL PROGRAMS**

LTI (8/31/16)  
 Fall Encampment (10/1/16)  
 Kadima Kinnus (1/6/16)  
 Camp Ramah Summer Camp \*\* (4/1/17)  
 USY Regional Convention (4/21/17)

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

USY High (11/1/16)  
 USY on Wheels (4/1/17)  
 USY Israel Pilgrimage (4/1/17)  
 Nativ (6/1/17)

\*\* Scholarship money for Camp Ramah is extremely limited

Rules and Regulations

- A) Applicants must be registered and pay a deposit where required for the program to be considered for Financial Aid. A copy of the Program Application Form and proof of deposit where required must be submitted and approved **before** this Financial Aid Application will be considered.
- B) Incomplete applications will **not** be considered. It is your responsibility to make sure your application is complete.
- C) Applicant's family must be members in good standing of a Pacific Southwest Region United Synagogue congregation to be considered for assistance for **Regional Programs** listed above.

Income Tax Documents

Include with your Financial Aid Application (If required, see application checklist) a **copy** of the following documents:

- A) Completed copy of your form 1040 tax return for the last two years (including all schedules)
- B) All W-2 forms for 2014 and/or 2015  
**AND/OR**  
All 1099 forms for 2014 or 2015 if you are self employed
- C) All required schedules, including schedule C if you are the sole owner of a business
- D) Applicable tax returns and related K-1 forms if you are a principal in a professional corporation or a partnership

Please note that if questions arise, the Scholarship Committee may ask for additional documents or further details after reviewing your completed application.

Other Required Documents

- A) Confidential Financial Aid Reference Form I to be filled out by your Congregational **Rabbi or President.**
- B) Confidential Financial Aid Reference Form II to be filled out by your Congregational **Youth Director or Education Director.**
- C) Parents MUST answer question VI on Page 5 – Other Information

Signatures

Be sure that **both parents/guardians** have signed the form. **Unsigned applications will not be considered.** For single parent households, a signature from the primary parent or guardian is acceptable along with documentation attesting to independent financial responsibility.

No Past Due Balances

The Scholarship Committee will not consider a financial aid application if the family has a past due balance from a previous Regional event.

Delivery of Application

We cannot be responsible for applications that may be lost in the mail. We recommend that you hand deliver the application to the Regional office or send it registered mail (return receipt requested) to ensure that it arrives in our office safely and on time. We also recommend that you keep a copy of your application. Applications must be addressed to:

**Financial Assistance Committee  
United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
Pacific Southwest Region  
15840 Ventura Blvd., Suite 200  
Encino, CA 91436**

If preferred, applications can be emailed to [fwusyaid@gmail.com](mailto:fwusyaid@gmail.com)

Confidentiality

The information provided in this application will be kept strictly confidential.

Notification

You will be notified of the committee's decisions as follows:

**REGIONAL PROGRAMS**

__ LTI	(9/5/16)
__ Fall Encampment	(10/15/16)
__ Kadima Kinnus	(1/13/17)
__ Camp Ramah Summer Camp **	(5/1/17)
__ USY Regional Convention	(5/1/17)

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

__ USY High	(12/1/16)
__ USY on Wheels	(4/21/17)
__ USY Israel Pilgrimage	(4/21/17)
__ Nativ	(7/1/17)

Questions

Please contact either Regional Director Michael Becker at [mbecker@uscj.org](mailto:mbecker@uscj.org) or Assistant Regional Director Darren Klein at [dklein@uscj.org](mailto:dklein@uscj.org). You can also call the Regional Office at (818) 986-0907.

## Financial Aid Application Checklist

Use this checklist to assemble all required documents for the Financial Aid Application. It is the responsibility of the applicant and his/her parents to make sure all required documents are submitted to the Scholarship Committee. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

Applicants for Financial Assistance for LTI, Fall Encampment, Kadima Kinnus and Regional Convention only need to submit page 1 and 2 of the Financial Aid Application.

Applicants for Financial Aid for Camp Ramah, USY on Wheels, USY Israel Pilgrimage or Nativ must submit the complete Financial Aid Application including References and Tax Returns

Did you remember to include?

***LTI, Fall Encampment, Kadima Kinnus and Regional Convention applicants***

Financial Aid Application-Pages 1 & 2 only

***Camp Ramah, USY on Wheels, USY Israel Pilgrimage & Nativ applicants***

Financial Aid Application-all 5 pages

\*Parents must answer both parts of question VI on page 5.

Recommendation Form I

Recommendation Form II

2014 or 2015 Federal Income Tax Return  
with ALL SCHEDULES

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\*if your 2016 Tax Returns are available, you may submit them or your 2016 Form 1099(s).

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Pacific Southwest Region

**FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION**

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**I. YOUR FAMILY**

Applicant's Name(s)	(as of 9/2016)		REGIONAL PROGRAMS (Check all Programs that apply)					INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (Check all Programs that apply)			
	Grade	Age	LTI	Encamp.	Kadima Kinnus	Reg. Conv.	Camp Ramah	USY High	USY on Wheels	Israel Pilgrimage	Nativ

Applicant Lives With:  Both Parents                       Mother                       Father                       Other

Parents Are:                       Married                       Separated                       Divorced                       Widowed

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

B. Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Father's e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Other Children in the Family:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

To what synagogue do you belong? \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be in the Pacific Southwest Region of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism)

How long have you been members? \_\_\_\_\_

**Israel applicants only:**

Have you been to Israel before?  YES     NO

How many times? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

## II. YOUR BUDGET

Program Applying For:	Cost of Program	Applicant's Family Providing <b>DO NOT LEAVE BLANK</b>	Applicant Providing
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$

From what other sources are you seeking financial aid? Please contact as many sources as possible.  
 (Suggested sources: Synagogue, Sisterhood, Men's Club, USY, Camp Ramah (if applicable), local Federation, Rabbi's Fund, etc.)  
 Please list all sources:

Organization	Phone	Contact	Amount Requested

## III. YOUR FINANCIAL REQUEST

Have you received financial aid from **UNITED SYNAGOGUE** in the past?  YES  NO

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How much are you requesting from United Synagogue, Pacific Southwest Region this year?  
 You must put an amount. We will not accept "As much as possible as a request."  
 If you are applying for more than one child, please put the amount you are requesting per child \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 per child

References not necessary for LTI, Fall Encampment, Kadima Kinnus or Regional Convention. (Do NOT leave blank)

Who will be completing your **FINANCIAL AID REFERENCE** Forms?

FORM I. \_\_\_\_\_ Date Given: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Synagogue Rabbi or President's Name*

FORM II. \_\_\_\_\_ Date Given: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Synagogue Youth Director or Education Director's Name*