

Springfield Jewish Federation Campership Policy

The Springfield Jewish Federation strongly believes that spending a summer in an enriching Jewish environment is of tremendous value to our youth. Research suggests a strong association between Jewish camping and a strengthening of Jewish identity. The Springfield Jewish Federation is committed to sending as many youth from Springfield and other communities in our geographic area to Jewish camps as is possible. Funding for the camperships will come primarily from the Jonie Ann Wolfson Endowment Fund and Neal Feldman Endowment Fund, both of which were established to support youth services.

The criteria for a Springfield Jewish Federation campership are as follows:

1. CAMPER ELIGIBILITY: The **youngster** is eligible:
 - For a **one time** campership for Kibbutz Kalanu or a recognized Jewish overnight camp, not based on need **or**
 - For a campership for Kibbutz Kulanu or a recognized Jewish overnight camp, on a financial needs basis; **and**
 - If he/she resides in the Springfield Jewish Federation geographic area; **and**
 - If their parent/guardian is a Federation Member - one who has made a contribution to the current campaign and is up to date with payments

2. FINANCIAL AVAILABILITY: The **campership** will be offered for eligible youth as follows:
 - The one time campership offered per child is not based on financial need.
 - Any subsequent consideration for camperships will be based on financial need. The parent/guardian should discuss the financial need with the Executive Director and/or either Rabbi, and together they will make an individual determination.
 - Only one request per year per child will be accepted (i.e. two children in a family attending camp would mean two applications for camperships but not multiple requests per child for the same summer).
 - The number of camperships and the amount of assistance is limited by the funds available on an annual basis through the Federation budget or the Endowment Fund of the Springfield Jewish Federation. When available, the following levels will be offered:
 - a. Not to exceed \$75 for Kibbutz Kalanu;
 - b. Not to exceed \$400 for a recognized Jewish overnight camp;
 - c. In cases of financial need, the above limits may be exceeded, at the discretion of the Executive Director and Rabbis.

Camperships funded by the Springfield Jewish Federation are separate from other local, regional, national or non-Federation camperships.

If a camper is dismissed from camp for disciplinary reasons, the campership must be repaid (by the family in proportionate relation to the time spent at camp).

The campership committee, consisting of the Executive Director and Rabbis, will decide on funding the campership applications of eligible campers.

The **parent/guardian** must complete the Campership Application Form (available for download at www.shalomspringfield.org or call 7887-7223 for a copy). For maximum consideration, please apply by April 1st.

Contact the Federation office at 217/787-7223 for further information