

APPLYING for FINANCIAL AID from the JCC EAST BAY SUMMER 2020 and the 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR

The JCC East Bay awards Financial Aid for the Preschool, Berkeley Afterschool and Club J
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Due to the disruptions related to Covid-19, Financial Aid applications are being awarded on a rolling basis for the 2020-21 school year, and will depend on funds remaining.

Financial Aid offers are limited by the JCC East Bay budget and never exceeds 50% of the program's cost.

All financial aid offers are preliminary until you have uploaded your final 2019 Tax Returns. If your final information is different from that previously submitted, The JCC East Bay reserves the right to adjust the award.

If you receive a Financial Aid offer that you decide is insufficient, you may withdraw from the program, but will be required to pay a prorated amount for any services already used.

SUBMITTING YOUR INFORMATION:

We partner with School and Student Services (SSS) by NAIS in our financial aid process. To begin your financial aid application, you will complete SSS's Parents' Financial Statement (PFS).

The PFS is a comprehensive application that will take some time to complete. You will need your most recent tax return before beginning the PFS. We also recommend that you review the wide range of materials that SSS has put together to help families with the financial aid process. They can be found at ssbbynais.org/parents.

We will communicate our financial aid decision to you by the deadlines in the chart.

HERE'S KEY INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW AS YOU COMPLETE THE PFS:

- Go to <https://sss.secure.force.com/familyportal>
- Create your PFS Online account with your email address and a password.
- Begin a PFS for Academic Year 2020-21. You can log out of the PFS Online at any time, then return later to complete it.
- After you have pressed submit, you'll be brought to a payment screen. **The fee of \$51 is nonrefundable.** Once your PFS is submitted, it cannot be withdrawn from the SSS system. If you are very low income, SSS may automatically waive your fee at this point in the process; you will be notified if you qualify.
- After you pay for and submit your PFS, you'll have access in the PFS Online to a section called "My Documents." You can upload the additional documents we require there.

HOW TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ONLINE

- Prepare your documents to be uploaded. Make sure the documents are on your computer, each saved as a separate file. Remove any security or password protection from your document files.
- Return to the PFS Online and login.
- From the PFS Online, click on the "My Documents" tab.
- On the "My Documents" page, you will see an upload button or a hyperlink next to a specific document name in the "Required Documents" section of the PFS. Clicking either the upload button or a hyperlink will lead you through a series of steps allowing you to name, locate and save the file.
- Once you have uploaded a document, the date will appear in the "Date Uploaded" column within minutes of the upload. Some tax documents go through a verification process. It can take up to 48 hours for the verification process to complete.
- If you wish to submit required documents by mail, send to School and Student Services, PO Box 449, Randolph, MA 02368-0449. For overnight service, use: SSS by NAIS,

Application Processing Center, 15 Dan Road, Suite 102,
Canton, MA 02021

HERE'S KEY INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW AS YOU COMPLETE THE PFS:

Our school's full name: JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF THE EAST BAY Our SSS code: 9166

Contact information for our financial aid office:
Ron Feldman, CFO: ronf@jceastbay.org

Under PFS "Section 20: Other Considerations" you MUST include:

Name of Program you are enrolling in:

Name of Child:

Name of Parent(s):

Is the child new or continuing at the JCC East Bay?

Is this a new or continuing Financial Aid request?

Statement of Need: Why you are requesting Financial Aid? Take as many sentences as necessary to explain your situation.

If you are enrolling multiple children and/or in multiple programs (e.g., Camp and Afterschool), please specifically repeat this information for each program/child.

Documents we require you to submit, in addition to the PFS:

___ 2018 1040 including supporting schedules

___ 2019 1040 including supporting schedules

___ 2018 W2 Form(s)

___ 2019 W2 Form(s)

___ **Enrollment Confirmation (Under "Other Required Documents")**

ENROLLMENT CONFIRMATION:

This confirms your schedule, the total cost of your program, and serves as a basis for the amount of aid you are requesting. If you are enrolling multiple children and/or in multiple programs (e.g., Camp and Afterschool or two children in Camp), **you must upload an Enrollment Confirmation** for each program and/or child. We prefer if you upload PDFs of the documents.

Getting the Enrollment Confirmation for Camp Tzofim, Maccabi, Berkeley or Oakland Afterschool:

You will be enrolling in these programs through Ultracamp. Once you have made your reservation and paid your deposit, you will receive an email that serves as your **Enrollment Confirmation**.

Getting the Enrollment Confirmation for Preschool:

The Preschool Administrator will email you a copy of your Enrollment Agreement, **which functions as your Enrollment Confirmation**.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Applications for children whose parents are divorced or separated:

We want to consider the financial situation of both parents/guardians, if living, before making any award of Financial Aid. We take the position that both parents/guardians are part of their children's lives, and one parent/guardian cannot deny responsibility for expenses benefiting their child and expect the JCC to cover for this, making less funds available to other families in need.

In view of this policy, both parents/guardians, therefore, are required to complete the Financial Aid application form and to provide financial information. In addition, it is the responsibility of the primary custodial parent/guardian to ask the non-custodial parent/guardian to fill out the additional application.

Until this information is provided, the Financial Aid Committee will consider a Financial Aid file incomplete and will be unable to make a decision on the application.

If either parent/guardian has remarried or is living with another adult who is contributing to the household income, we feel it is important to consider the income and assets of the stepparent or live-in person, always bearing in mind that the primary responsibility for payment rests with the parents/guardians.

Applications for children who have one or both parents who are non-working:

Both parents/guardians are expected to make every attempt to contribute financially to the education of their child. If there is a non-working parent/guardian in a family we require that an explanation be included in your Statement of Need.

What if I want to add more sessions of Camp Tzofim or days of week to Afterschool, or hours/days to Preschool?

Usually we will be able to add additional aid at the same percentage of the normal fee as the original aid award.