

Karen and Ed Porter Summer Experience Award
A program of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City

Mission

The Karen and Ed Porter Summer Experience Fund shall make an annual award to Jewish high school or college student(s) seeking to participate in an approved Jewish summer travel experience, which encompasses leadership development, community development or personal Jewish enrichment. Awards will be based upon merit. Financial need may be taken into consideration.

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students who are marginally “connected” to the Jewish community through participation in youth group, in their congregation, in JCC programs or in Hillel or other Jewish organizations on their college campus, to consider spending the summer immersed in a Jewish environment.

Application Process

1. Applicants will be referred by a sponsoring organization or congregation. A required letter of recommendation from the professional making the referral is due March 15, 2008. (see attached Letter of Recommendation Form)
2. Applicants are required to complete the attached Application Form and return it to the Foundation by March 15, 2008.

Summer Experience Follow-up

All scholarship recipients will be invited to spend time with the Porter family upon return from their summer travel experience. Each participant will be asked to share how this experience made a difference in his/her life.

Qualified Summer Experience Programs

Award will be given to students choosing to participate in one of the following programs:

AVODAH
Brandeis Bardin Institute
Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute
Alexander Muss High School
BBYO Israel Programs
JCC Maccabi Israel Sports Spectacular
NCSY Israel Programs
NIFTY in Israel
The Nesiya Institute
USY in Israel
Young Judea

Other programs may be considered with additional information.

** For more information, please contact Beatrice Fine at 913-327-8284.

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**Letter of Recommendation from Jewish communal professional
referring applicant to this program**

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Recommender _____

Title _____

Sponsoring Organization/Congregation _____

Phone (_____) _____

On a separate sheet please comment on the applicant's leadership qualities, emotional maturity and involvement with your organization/congregation. Please give specific instances that demonstrate why, even with the applicant's limited participation in your programming, you view him/her as an individual with leadership potential.

Please return recommendation by March 15, 2008 to:

Beatrice Fine,
Director of Funder Services
Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City
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Overland Park, KS 66211

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Application

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Parent(s)/Guardian _____

Date of Birth _____

School _____ Year in School _____

Full Name of Summer Program _____

Sponsoring Organization _____

** (If program is not one of the qualified summer experiences listed in the award description, please attach a program brochure and contact person with phone number)

Total Cost of Program _____ Financial Assistance _____

*** If award is granted, a copy of an invoice is required prior to remitting payment.

Local Recommending Organization _____

Please list the following activities in order of frequency and/or level of commitment:

I. Current School Activities

II. Current Activities Outside of School

III. Interests, Hobbies and Intellectual Pursuits

Please answer the following questions on separate page in 300 words or less (please type).

- I. Who are you?
- II. What has motivated you to consider spending your summer in Israel or another Jewish travel experience?

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