



## Congregation Anshai Torah Men's Club Youth Scholarship Policies for 2018

*Updated Sept. 30, 2017*

Anshai Torah Men's Club is a not-for-profit social auxiliary group affiliated with Congregation Anshai Torah of Plano, Texas. Men's Club maintains a Scholarship Fund for the purpose of raising and distributing funds to assist young people in having meaningful Jewish experiences.

In 2017/2018 Men's Club will award \$9,000 in scholarship money for three separate scholarships:

- **Camp Ramah Scholarship:** One Anshai Torah youth will receive a need-based scholarship covering \$2,000 towards the cost of a summer session at Camp Ramah, specifically for first-time campers from a family that would otherwise be excluded due to the cost of attendance
- **USY / March of the Living Scholarship:** One Anshai Torah youth will receive \$500 toward the cost of either a United Synagogue Youth (USY) program or the March of the Living annual mission trip
- **Jewish Camp & Activity Scholarships:** Ten to fifteen Anshai Torah youth will receive merit-based and need-based scholarships of \$200 up to \$1,000, totaling \$6,500 to help attend a Jewish camp, retreat, convention, trip, educational opportunity or activity

### **Eligibility**

Any person of the age of 17 or younger on May 1, 2018 who is the child of a current member of Congregation Anshai Torah is eligible to apply. Children of Men's Club Scholarship Committee members are excluded.

### **Qualifying Activities**

For the **Camp Ramah Scholarship**, applicant must apply and be accepted to a full summer 2018 session at any camp in the Camp Ramah System (see [www.campramah.org](http://www.campramah.org) for camp list). Camp Ramah is a program of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) of which Anshai Torah is a member organization.

For the **USY / March of the Living Scholarship**, applicant must apply and be accepted to attend a USY summer program or the annual USY International Convention, or the March of the Living mission. United Synagogue Youth is an affiliate of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) of which Anshai Torah is a member organization.

For the **Jewish Camp & Activity Scholarships**, applicant must show plans to attend a summer 2018 session at a camp with a distinctly Jewish character or an activity that takes place Nov. 1, 2017 to Oct. 31, 2018 that has a distinctly Jewish character. Activities can include, but are not limited to: Jewish day camps, overnight camps, field trips, educational experiences, Hebrew study, Jewish youth group conferences, trips or missions. The Men's Club Scholarship Committee will make final determination of an activity's qualification for scholarship award. All determinations of eligibility by the Men's Club Scholarship Committee will be final.

While any Jewish activity is eligible for consideration, preference will be given to those programs most closely supporting Anshai Torah's core values, including USCJ affiliation, kashrut, Shabbat observance, egalitarian tefillah & support of Israel.

If there is any doubt as to the eligibility of a potential camp or activity, please go ahead and apply. Contact Jacob Ratner at [jaratner@gmail.com](mailto:jaratner@gmail.com) to discuss.

### **Application Process**

The official scholarship application is on the following pages. The application form must be used.

The application should be filled out in pen clearly and completely; additional pages may be added. Applicants who have attained Bar/Bat Mitzvah should complete questions 1-7 on their own; parents of younger children may complete the form or work with the child. Parents of ALL applicants should complete questions 8 & 9.

Applicants must indicate which (one) scholarship they are applying for, however the Men's Club Scholarship Committee will consider each application for all available award amounts.

Applications can be scanned and emailed to [jaratner@gmail.com](mailto:jaratner@gmail.com), dropped off at the synagogue or mailed to Men's Club care of Congregation Anshai Torah, 5501 W. Parker Rd., Plano, TX 75093.

All applications must be received by October 31, 2017 to be considered.

Applications will be acknowledged by email response or phone call as they are received. If you submit an application and do NOT hear back within a week saying, "your application has been received," please contact Jacob Ratner at [jaratner@gmail.com](mailto:jaratner@gmail.com) or 214-893-8486. Please note, the address is j A ratner at Gmail.

### **Application Evaluation & Scholarship Awards**

All applications received on or before Oct. 31, 2017 will be considered by the Men's Club Scholarship Committee. Applicant names and family names will be masked, making all applications anonymous to the Scholarship Committee during the evaluation period. Applications will be considered on the merits of the qualifying activity, the content of the application and the need of the individual. Scholarship awards will be solely determined by the Men's Club Scholarship Committee, and the Committee's decisions will be final.

All applications and their contents will be treated as confidential, and will not be shared beyond the Men's Club Scholarship Committee. Scholarship recipients' names and the programs to be attended (but not the amount received) will be recognized in the February 2018 Kol Emet newsletter, unless parents specifically request otherwise before Jan. 10, 2018.

Award selection for the Camp Ramah Scholarship will be based largely on financial need. Financial need will be taken into account along with all other considerations for all other scholarship applications.

Scholarship recipients and their families will be notified of their awards by Nov. 15, 2017.

Awards will be made in the form of checks payable to the camp, program or sponsoring organization. In cases where the recipient family has already paid in full, checks will be issued payable to the family.



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Please complete the entire application. Use additional pages if needed. Children of Bar Mitzvah age and older should complete questions 1-7 on their own; parents of younger children may complete the form or work with the child to fill it in. Parents of ALL applicants should complete questions 8 & 9.

1. Applicant's name & date of birth:

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2. Name and address of associated Congregation Anshai Torah member family:

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3. Which scholarship are you applying for? (check only one)

Ramah Scholarship (up to \$2,000, need-based, 1<sup>st</sup> time camper)

USY Scholarship / March of the Living (\$500, merit & need-based)

Jewish Camp & Activity Scholarship (\$200 to \$1,000, merit & need-based)


4. What is the name & date of the activity for scholarship assistance? Provide a brief description:

<p><i>Use additional pages if needed</i></p>
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5. Have you attended this camp or program in the past?

YES NO if yes, dates of previous attendance:

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6. How will this activity affect you? People around you? How will it impact your Jewish life?

*Use additional pages if needed*

7. Why should you receive a scholarship?

*Use additional pages if needed*

**APPLICANTS OF ALL AGES, PLEASE HAVE A PARENT COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

8. What is the approximate cost of the activity? Include travel and related expenses:

9. If appropriate, please describe financial need for the scholarship, *especially* if applying for the Ramah Scholarship. Would a scholarship make the difference in being able to participate? All applications will be treated confidentially by the Men's Club Scholarship Committee.

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