



Congregation Anshai Torah Men's Club Youth Scholarship Policies for 2019

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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 2018/2019 Men's Club will award \$13,000 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 or two Anshai Torah youth will receive \$500 to \$1,000 toward the cost of a United Synagogue Youth (USY) program or the March of the Living mission trip
- **Jewish Camp & Activity Scholarships:** Ten to twenty Anshai Torah youth will receive merit-based and need-based scholarships of \$200 up to \$1,000, totaling \$10,000 to help attend a Jewish camp, retreat, convention, trip, educational opportunity or activity

Eligibility

Any person 17 or younger on June 1, 2019 or a senior in high school who is the child of a current member of Congregation Anshai Torah is eligible. 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 2019 session at any camp in the Camp Ramah System (see 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, 2018 to Oct. 31, 2019 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 to discuss.

Application Process

The official scholarship application is online:

<https://www.research.net/r/Anshai2018>

A paper application can be requested from Jacob Ratner at jaratner@gmail.com or 214-893-8486.

Applicants who have attained Bar/Bat Mitzvah should fill in the application; parents or guardians of younger children may complete the form or work with the child. Parents of ALL applicants should complete the financial need section at the end of the application.

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.

All applications must be received by October 31, 2018 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 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, 2018 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 2019 Kol Emet newsletter unless parents specifically request otherwise before Jan. 10, 2019.

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. 20, 2018.

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.