



The Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus

2017 Camp year

Dear Camp Families,

I hope everyone is looking forward to our fast-approaching summer camp season! This letter explains how to apply for JCC summer camp scholarship. The JCC only accepts scholarship applications through an independent grant and aid assessment company, FACTS. FACTS is an industry leader in providing third party support solutions. It has many years' experience in the administration of financial aid and scholarships for educational institutions and JCCs nationwide, including the JCC of Greater Orlando. FACTS is also administering our Early Childhood scholarship applications. **THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2017. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL BE AWARDED ONLY AS FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.**

To expedite your scholarship application as quickly and efficiently as possible, we ask that you complete the online application on the FACTS website, <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin.aspx>. Choose the **JCC of Greater Columbus Camp** as the school. **Do not choose The Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus** as the school, as that site is for Early Childhood scholarship applications. You may search by school name, city, or zip code. Our zip code is 43209. Please have your 2016 tax return information available before you begin. Upon submitting your application, you will be required to pay a one-time administrative fee of \$30. If you are also applying for preschool financial aid, this fee will only be charged once. If you already have an account with FACTS through another educational institution and have already paid the administrative fee for the school year, the fee is also waived. You need only add the **JCC of Greater Columbus Camp** as an additional school choice in your application.

FACTS requires that supporting documentation for your application be submitted via uploading through their secure website, fax, or by mail. A separate document explaining the information you will be asked to submit is available on our website, www.columbusjcc.org. All documents received by FACTS will be shredded following the materials review process, and families will be notified of any missing information.

FACTS goes to great lengths to ensure that the families who submit applications for financial aid are evaluated fairly. It is important to the JCC that families continue to have the opportunity to explain their unique circumstances. For this reason, the JCC has selected FACTS because of their exemplary work in the service of families with financial need.

Once FACTS has conducted a comprehensive evaluation of applicant materials, they will calculate applicants' financial needs and make recommendations to the JCC. The JCC will have the final determination for scholarship awards. Award letters will be emailed to recipients by the tentative date of mid-May 2017. Should family circumstances change or require further consideration, families may contact Janet Mittman to discuss them.

If you have any questions regarding the application or the review process, you may speak with a FACTS customer care representative directly by calling 1-866-315-9262. You may also call Janet Mittman at (614) 559-6230 or email her at jmittman@columbusjcc.org.

Sincerely,

Carol Folkerth, Executive Director

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about this place.™

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How to Apply for JCC Summer Camp Financial Assistance for Summer 2017

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 1, 2017!

Applications received after that date will be considered only if funds are still available.

Please collect and complete the following in order to process your financial assistance request. All documents must be submitted as described and will be held in strict confidentiality by FACTS and the JCC. If you are a current JCC member or participate in JCC programs, any and all outstanding balances must be paid in full prior to submitting your assistance application.

Step 1: If you are not currently a JCC member, please visit our Member Services office to apply for membership.

Step 2: Register for the camp program for which you are requesting financial assistance.

Step 3: All financial assistance recipients must make payments of all outstanding JCC balances via EFT or credit card.

Step 4: A deposit of \$100 is required for JCC Summer Camp and must be made at the time of registration. Checks should be made payable to the JCC of Greater Columbus. Deposits are fully refundable if the financial assistance does not meet your need and you choose not to participate in the program.

Step 5: Apply for financial assistance at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin.aspx>, and choose **The JCC of Greater Columbus Camp** as the school. **Do not choose** The Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus, as that is for Early Childhood scholarships. You may search for the camp by city or by zip code. Our zip code is 43209.

FACTS Grant & AID Assessment will be conducting the financial need analysis for the JCC Summer Camps of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus for Summer 2016. Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an application online and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. A \$30 administrative fee will be charged unless you have already applied through another school since last year.

Step 6: Once an online application has been completed, please send the following information to FACTS to complete the application (applications will not be reviewed until all the documents have been sent):

- Copies of 2016 federal tax forms for both you and your spouse/co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules.
- Copies of your 2016 W-2 forms for both you and your spouse/co-applicant.
- Copies of three most recent pay stubs for 2016 (both parents/co-applicants).
- Statement of need — why you are requesting assistance. You may describe any changes of family and economic circumstances over the past year that support request for financial aid this year.
- All supporting documentation can be uploaded on the FACTS secure website, faxed to 1-866-315-9264, or mailed to the address below. If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 1-866-315-9262.

*FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment
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Step 7: E-mail Janet Mittman at the JCC at jmittman@columbusjcc.org once you have completed your online registration. Please include your name, the name of the child(ren) for whom you are requesting financial assistance, the camp attending, as well as a phone number. Janet can also be reached at 614-559-6230.