Dear Preschool Families,

Spring will soon be here! With spring comes our Early Childhood Program registration. The JCC is pleased to announce that for the 2018-2019 school year, the independent, third party grant and aid assessment company, FACTS, will again manage our Early Childhood scholarship application process. **To be considered for scholarship assistance, you must register your child AND reapply each year it is needed.** Please contact the Early Childhood site for registration information.

To expedite your scholarship application as quickly and efficiently as possible, we ask that you complete the confidential online application on the FACTS website, [https://online.factsmgt.com/signin.aspx](https://online.factsmgt.com/signin.aspx). Choose The Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus as the school. **Do not choose The JCC of Greater Columbus-Camp** as the school, as that site is for summer camp scholarship applications. You may search by school name, city, or zip code. Our zip code is 43209. Upon submitting your application, you will be required to pay a one-time annual administrative fee of $30. If you are also applying for summer camp financial aid, this fee is only 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 will use the SAME account to apply for Summer Camp 2018 and/or preschool (2018-2019). However, you need to select The Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus for preschool and The Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus Camp for summer camp.

**THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 17, 2018. SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTS ALWAYS EXCEED FUNDS AVAILABLE. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE ARE CONSIDERED IN THE ORDER RECEIVED AND ONLY IF FUNDS REMAIN FROM THE INITIAL REVIEW AND REWARD PROCESS.**

FACTS requires that supporting documentation be submitted via upload to their secure website, fax, or by mail. A separate document explaining the information you need to submit will be available on our website, [www.columbusjcc.org](http://www.columbusjcc.org). All documents received by FACTS are shredded following the materials review process. Families will be notified of any missing information. **The JCC will not begin processing your application until FACTS notifies us that it has received ALL materials.**

Changes happen. If a family must make a change that reduces tuition, such as a reduction in days enrolled, the amount of assistance received will also be reduced.

FACTS conducts a comprehensive evaluation of applicant materials. They calculate applicants’ financial needs and make recommendations to the JCC. The JCC has the final determination for scholarship awards. Award letters are sent via email to recipients in early to mid-June. The entire process is strictly confidential. 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 contact Louise Young at the JCC at (614) 559-6216 or Lmyoung@columbusjcc.org.

Sincerely,

Carol Folkerth, Executive Director