

JIM ABRAHAM EDUCATION FUND FOR JEWISH LEADERSHIP

What: The Jim Abraham Education Fund has been established to assist in the development of potential, future synagogue leaders through their participation in educational programs and opportunities supported in part by monies from the Fund. The ultimate **goal of the Fund** is to, in some small way, assure the perpetuation, continued growth, and vitality of Reform Judaism locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Who: The Fund is to support young adults (defined as those in their late teens or twenties) who display significant interest and seriousness in their approach to Jewish values and education as well as who show leadership potential as demonstrated by their academic ability, and/or active involvement in Reform Jewish programs and activities.

It is understood that the funds will be used as either scholarship or incentive grants for worthy candidates. The type of programs envisioned include: Judaic High School Programs (not including Merkaz), leadership academies, conferences, song leading institutes and Israel programs of academic merit offered by Hebrew Union College, The Union for Reform Judaism or similar institutions committed to the perpetuation of liberal Jewish values.

The grants are not designed for those in formal degree granting graduate studies programs in Jewish studies or for the Jewish professions.

How: The Fund will partially subsidize participation in Jewish educational and/or leadership opportunities for appropriate young adults as described above through disbursement of grants.

Recipients will be selected by the Senior Rabbi and the Director of Religious Education in consultation with the other clergy and appropriate teachers of the Congregation. No more than \$1000 shall be given to any one individual and the annual disbursement from the Fund shall be limited to \$2000.00 per year.

An individual can receive only one grant every three years.

Grants are based primarily upon merit. However, in the circumstance that during a fiscal year there are several young adults who meet the criteria for grants, the financial resources of the applicant's family and the cost of the requested program can be considerations for the Senior Rabbi and Director of Religious Education.

Recipients are expected to provide some feedback to the synagogue about their experience such as using social media during the event or a conversation with the Senior Rabbi or Director of Religious Education after attendance.

A list of Fund recipients and the programs they attend as well as an annual accounting of the distribution from the Fund will be made to an appropriate member of the Abraham family.

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