

# Family Reimbursement Education Fund

# overview

## Eligibility Requirements & Sample Character Letter

The Family Reimbursement Education Fund provides financial assistance to help Jewish families cover the cost of goods and services related to educational needs, which are not reimbursed or obtained through other sources. There are limited funds available each year. Applications will be reviewed by a sub-committee on a first come, first serve basis. Families may receive one reimbursement of up to \$500 annually.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Jewish families with children under 22 who identify as having a special need or require accommodation
- Families must reside in Federation's service area from Boynton Beach north through Martin County
- Special needs are considered but not limited to deficit in the areas of: Learning, medical, behavioral, developmental, social, emotional, sensory, physical, or other identified areas.

### Required Documents:

- Completed application
- Proof of service (receipts and/or invoice)
- Character letter\* discussing specific needs, family impact, and obstacles for the individual (see sample below). Letters can be written by teacher, administrator, therapist, coach, camp director, mentor, case Manager, medical professional, etc.
- Additional documents may be requested by the reviewing committee

### Educational program and activities include the following:

- Academic Support, Paraprofessional, and Tutoring
- Educational Programs
- Evaluation and Assessment
- Camping and Summer Programs
  - After School Activities
  - Essential Items/Supplies/Clothing/Equipment
  - Experiences/Membership/Recreation
  - Therapeutic Support
- Technology
- Transportation/Travel

[Click here for the application:](#)

For more information, please contact **Hayley Schapiro** at [hayley.schapiro@jewishpalmbeach.org](mailto:hayley.schapiro@jewishpalmbeach.org) or **561.209.2614**.

\* Sample Character Letter, next page

## Sample Character Letter

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing this letter to provide a character reference for Karen Hall. I met Karen when she was a student in my 6th grade history class at West Palm Beach Middle School. As Karen's teacher, I am pleased to be able to write this letter as a way of helping her accomplish her goals of becoming an artist. The Hall family is interested in obtaining reimbursement for an extracurricular art program. This program will help Karen reach her goals and refine her skills in the arts. This program will certainly improve Karen's quality of life and foster her passions.

As a student, Karen always was a hard worker, asked for help when needed, and applied herself to her studies, despite her learning difficulties. Karen struggles with retaining information, time management, and sustaining attention. Her family is supportive of her interests in the arts and acknowledges her learning challenges. Additionally, while enrolled in school, Karen is active in school clubs (Habitat for Humanity and Middle School Art Club) and volunteers with her Jewish Youth Group on the weekends. I have a great deal of respect and admiration for the Hall family and am convinced that Karen will be successful at any goal she decides to pursue.

If I can answer any other questions, please feel free to contact me at 561-123-4567 or email me at [Jared.Frank@pbschools.org](mailto:Jared.Frank@pbschools.org)

Best,

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