

Family Reimbursement Education Fund

Overview

Eligibility Requirements & Sample Character Letter

The Family Reimbursement Education Fund helps Jewish families by repaying the cost of goods and services related to educational needs, which cannot be 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. This is not a scholarship fund.

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

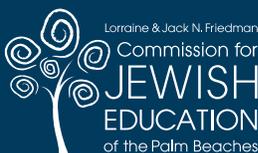
Educational program and activities include the following:

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

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For more information, please contact **Hayley Schapiro** at hayley.schapiro@jewishpalmbeach.org or **561.209.2614**.

* Sample Character Letter, next page



SAMPLE LETTER

To Review Committee Members:

I am writing this letter to supplement the application for Karen Frank. As Karen's father, I am pleased to be able to write this letter as a way of helping her accomplish her goals of becoming an artist. Our 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. Karen was diagnosed with ADHD when she was 6 years old. She struggled with regulating her emotions, focusing on a given task, and regularly had tantrums. Karen loves her siblings and is a valued member of our family.

As a student, Karen is a hard worker, asks for help when needed, and applies herself to her studies, despite her learning and focusing difficulties. Karen struggles with retaining information, time management, and sustaining attention. Our family is supportive of her interests in the arts and acknowledges her learning challenges. She also participates in tutoring outside of school, and talk therapy 2x per week. 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 Karen and am convinced that she 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

Jared Frank