



2016-2017 SPROUT INCENTIVE GRANTS PROGRAM DETAILS

Deadlines: November 1, 2016 and March 7, 2017

Thank you for your interest in the Jewish Federation of the East Bay's 2016-17 Sprout Incentive Grants. Federation is pleased to encourage your family's first steps into Jewish life and learning by providing a grant to subsidize your family's **FIRST-TIME** participation in a Jewish educational experience for your child or children.

A family's first-time participation means that this must be the family's first time enrolling *any* of their children in a Jewish educational experience. A child's first-time participation means that your child has never participated in an organized Jewish educational experience before and has not yet started attending the proposed program. Preference will be given to families who are considering enrolling their child in a program, but have not yet registered, as the goal of this program is to incentivize families to participate in Jewish life.

Each child is eligible for a maximum award of \$1,000 over the lifetime of the incentive program. Grants will not exceed 75% of the total cost to the family, or \$1,000. Due to the large amount of applicants last year, the average award size in 2015-2016 was \$345. **Please note: We expect requests to exceed the available funds for this year. Application is not a guarantee of award.**

Eligibility Guidelines:

- The child must be a current [PJ Library subscriber](#), graduate, or sibling
- The child must be between the ages of 2 and 10 at the time of program participation
- The child has not yet started attending the program at the time of submitting the application
- This must be the family's first time enrolling any of their children in a Jewish educational program
- Eligible programs include but are not limited to: Jewish preschool, religious school, day or overnight camp, family camp, or afterschool program. *Jewish day school enrollment does not qualify for this incentive award**
- The child must be an East Bay resident and the program must be located in the East Bay
- Recipients will be required to complete a brief post participation reflection to share feedback on the program and your child's participation in it. Details will be provided with the grant notification.

Award decisions will be made by a committee and families will be notified about the status of their application within six weeks of the application deadline. Sprout Incentive Grants will be paid directly to the sponsoring organization after the child is enrolled. **Application deadlines are: November 1, 2016 for late Winter and Spring programs and March 7, 2017 for Summer and Fall programs.**

**Federation-funded financial assistance for day school tuition is available directly through the schools.*

Questions about eligible East Bay Jewish educational programs or subscribing to PJ Library? Please contact Liora Brosbe, Family Engagement Officer, at conciierge@jfed.org or 510.809.4914.

Questions about the application or grant process and timeline? Please contact Alison Stein, Community Impact Program Officer, alison@jfed.org or 510.809.4911.