

**Oregon Board of Rabbis
Teen Israel Scholarship
Letter of Agreement**

We are privileged to live in a time in which there is a State of Israel. Visiting Israel is a significant mitzvah and a wonderful opportunity. As an incentive for teens to visit Israel, a merit grant may be awarded to the undersigned student by the Oregon Board of Rabbis, in partnership with the Arthur P. Krichevsky Memorial Scholarship Fund, to subsidize participation in an approved program in Israel. The family is responsible for paying any difference between the total cost of the program and the grant awarded, including any airfare costs to/from the trip's point of departure. Approved programs must have:

- a. Main emphasis of the trip is on, and in, Israel
- b. A substantial study component, including trips to and explanation of historical sites
- c. The program's sponsoring organization manifests a respect for religious pluralism
- d. The program must be a minimum of 4 weeks in length

In order to receive this grant the student must fulfill the following:

1. The student must attend a Jewish High School Program during all four years of high school.
2. The student must attend 20 religious services (Shabbat, weekday, and/or festival) in addition to High Holy Day Services, during each year of high school. Services attended in conjunction with Religious High School are not included in the 20 services. The student agrees to continue this rate of religious service attendance during **all years of high school subsequent to the Israel trip**. The decision as to whether or not to grant credit for services attended during any given conclave will be made by the student's Rabbi, but will not exceed 2 for any weekend event. Credit is also given for camp Shabbat services.
3. The student is to complete 30 hours of [community service](#) during each year of high school.
4. The student agrees to attend all classes that are considered preparation for the Israel trip and any meetings that take place after the trip.
5. **The student agrees to refund the scholarship in a timely manner if sent home due to inappropriate behavior, or if the requirements of continued engagement are not met in subsequent years.**

This letter of agreement will act as the first page of the student's application for a scholarship. It serves as an endorsement of the student meeting the aforementioned qualifications and needs to be signed by either the student's Educational Director or Rabbi.

Students are required to attend a minimum of 80% Jewish High School sessions to receive the maximum grant. Students attending 65%-79% of Jewish High School sessions will be eligible for a smaller grant.

By their signatures below, the student and parent understand that scholarship awards are subject to the availability of funds and no guarantee is being made regarding the amount of funds to be granted.. Neither the student's synagogue, the student's Rabbi, nor the Oregon Board of Rabbis shall have any liability to the student or parent if these organizations fail for any reason to fund the student's merit grant award.

Submit this form to your Synagogue Youth Education Director or Rabbi no later than December of the student's 9th grade year.

Congregation: _____
Student Name (Print): _____
Student Signature: _____
Parent Name: _____
Parent Signature: _____
Parent Phone: _____
Email: _____

This Section for Administrative Use ONLY:
The Student has met the Following Qualifications (check all that apply):
Religious High School Attendance: 80-100%__ or 65-79%__
Community Service, Average 30 hrs/year: Yes__ or No__
Jewish religious services Average 20/year: Yes__ or No__
Educator/Rabbi Signature: _____
Educator/Rabbi (Print): _____

Deadline

This Letter of Agreement must be signed by the student and parent(s) and returned to the Synagogue Youth Education Director or Rabbi no later than December of the student's 9th grade year. By March 1 of the Scholarship Award Year, the Director or Rabbi will then use this form to endorse the student as a qualified candidate.

Teens who participate in a Summer Program are eligible for scholarship in Spring of their 11th grade year.

Teens who participate in a Program during the Academic Year are eligible for scholarship in Spring of their 10th grade year, to be applied to a program during 11th grade.