

♥ 2026 Camp Scholarship Overview

In 2026, Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minnesota received **368 unique applicants from 183 individual households** in camp scholarship applications.

In 2025, JFCS received **325 camp scholarship applications from 168 individual households**.

Of the **368 unique camp scholarship applicants** in 2026, JFCS awarded scholarships to **158** of the applicants. Much like past years, the pool of money we have available for camp scholarships remains relatively stagnant while the number of applicants fluctuates only slightly. As the cost of camp continues to increase for families, along with all other costs of living, we continue to look at the criteria we use to determine scholarships and make adjustments as needed to fulfill the most needed requests.



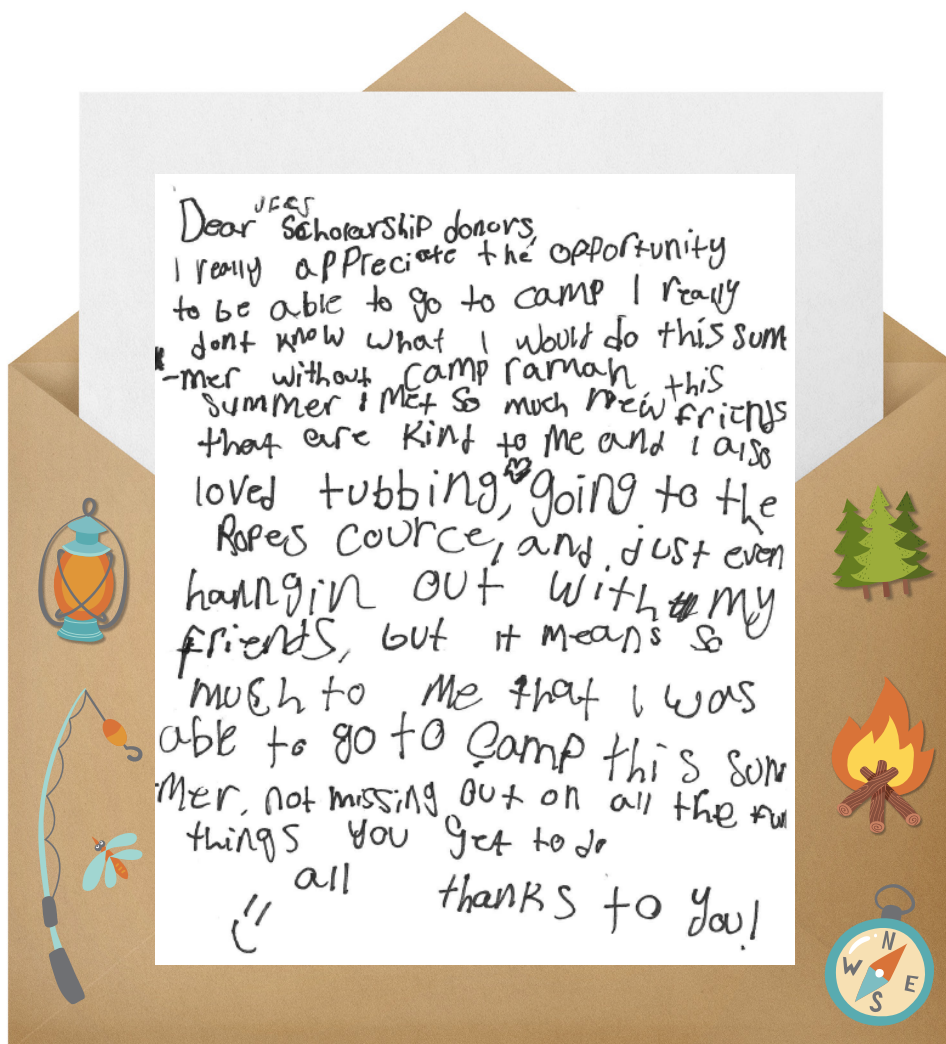
Approved applicants were awarded anywhere from **\$150-\$6,000** this year. Decisions were made based on household income level, amount requested, number of people living in the home, and personal narratives. In 2026, we had to make additional decisions heavily based on family income level because of the increased number of applicants.

Data of interest:

- Camp scholarship **requests totaled \$439,437**
- Camp scholarships **awarded totaled \$100,000**, resulting in roughly 23% of needs fulfilled.
- The number of individuals living in the home ranged from **2 - 16**.
- The range in gross household income among applicants was **below Federal poverty guidelines, \$150,000 and higher**.
- JFCS camp scholarships supported **26 different camps**

We were proud to support summer camp in 2026 and to renew our investment in Jewish summer camping. JFCS provided funding to all camps represented by applicants, helping strengthen and enhance summer programming. By doing so, we reaffirmed our commitment to being a reliable and enduring resource for our community.

SUMMER CAMPS SUPPORTED	JFCS AMOUNTS AWARDED
Camp Agudah Midwest	\$6,750
Camp Olami & Camp Butwin	\$12,180
Camp Ramah Wisconsin	\$21,450
Camp Teko	\$5,200
Herzl Camp	\$36,420
OSRUI	\$2,400
Other (20 camps)	\$15,600
GRAND TOTAL	\$100,000



The Jewish Camping Scholarship Program is just one of the over 35 programs and services provided by JFCS. Funding for scholarships comes from several endowment funds named to support camp scholarships, our Annual Campaign and our Benefit Fund-A-Need (when the focus is on children).
Thank you for your generous support!