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2019 Financial Aid Instruction Letter

We at Ramah Sports Academy are committed to working with you to make the Ramah experience affordable. We offer two types of financial assistance to our families.

First Time Camper Grants: (One Happy Camper Grants)

Incentive grants are available to campers attending Jewish overnight summer camp for the first time, regardless of financial need. Any child for whom Camp Ramah is their first Jewish overnight camping experience may be eligible.

- One session campers are eligible for a **\$700** grant towards their tuition.
- Once approved, these grants are applied directly against your tuition, reducing your balance due.
- The parameters of these grants are very specific, so please contact our Business Manager, Bonnie Schwartz Nolan, at bonnie@ramahsport.org to discuss.
- Grants are **very limited** and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Need-Based Assistance: (Tuition Scholarships)

All need-based assistance requests are reviewed confidentially by the Ramah Sports Academy financial aid committee.

- Award funds are limited and awards are made on a first come, first served basis with the first round of applications being considered in **November 2018**.
- Please do not delay submitting your request because you have not yet filed your 2018 taxes. You may use 2017 returns and note in your request letter if you expect your 2018 income or expenses will vary significantly.
- The committee may ask for verification once 2018 forms are filed.
- To apply for need-based financial assistance, please submit a request letter explaining your situation, **including a specific dollar amount of your scholarship request**, even if you indicated a request amount on your camper's online application.

Please include:

1. a copy of the first two pages of your tax return
2. copies of schedules A, B, C & D, if applicable.
3. how much you spend annually on travel
4. whether you are applying for additional assistance from other sources, including your local Jewish federation or synagogue.

Request letters and financial information should be emailed confidentially to jeff@campramah.org or sent to:

Jeffrey Goodman
National Ramah Business Manager
3080 Broadway
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Please note:

- If you send Jeff password protected files you **MUST** also provide Jeff the **password** or else your application may be delayed or declined.
- Please be sure to specify in your request letter that your camper is enrolled at **Ramah Sports Academy** so that your request is properly routed. The National Ramah office receives scholarship requests for multiple Ramah camps and programs.
- While the committee tries to honor requests, it also strives to serve many families with the limited funds available. We also encourage you to approach your local Rabbi or Jewish Federation to request support to send your child to Jewish camp.
- To apply for either the incentive grants or need-based assistance, **you must FIRST register your child at Ramah Sports Academy and pay the deposit.** Families applying for need- based financial aid may pay a reduced deposit of \$300 per camper. If, after registering and paying the deposit, you do not receive the assistance you requested, **you may withdraw without ANY financial penalties any time within fourteen days of receiving your award information or until March 1, 2019 whichever is LATER.**

If you have any questions, please be in touch with our Business Manager, Bonnie Schwartz Nolan, directly at bonnie@ramahsport.org. We look forward to welcoming your camper(s) to Ramah Sports Academy in **2019!**