

APPLYING FOR ISRAEL TOUR 2025 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The application process for youth movement summer tours in 2025 will soon be opening! In order to prepare as best you can, we've put together some key information of what will be needed.

UJIA Israel Experience and the Youth Movements who run Israel Tour are committed to financial inclusion wherever possible and offer the opportunity to apply for bursaries and payment by instalments for families who are unable to meet the costs of the Programme or require more time to pay.

Families can apply for financial assistance online. **There are three application tracks** that parents/guardians can choose to apply for – more details below.

➤ **Hardship Funding**

Applicants will be entitled to apply for this funding if the parents/guardians that the participant is living with are receiving means-tested benefits such as Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit, Housing Benefit, Free School Meals

Please see below the list of documents that will be required with your application:

- FULL COPY of current award letter from HMRC or local authority as evidence of the benefits being received and the amount of the award;
- Proof of identity of the parent/guardian receiving the benefits (such as a picture/scan of driving license or passport);
- Proof of address of the parent/guardian (such as a utility bill or bank statement which is different from your award letter and less than 3 months old).

➤ **Exceptional Circumstances**

If not eligible for Hardship Funding, applicants may apply for financial assistance under this category. Total household income must not exceed £85,000.

You will need to provide the following for all Parents/Guardians in the household:

- Your P60s from your employment, or your last SA302 if you are self-employed (you can request this from HMRC)
- Your last 3 months payslips and/or dividend vouchers

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- If you are unable to provide the required information to verify eligibility, UJIA will request the last three bank statements from all parent(s)/ guardian(s);
- Proof of identity of the parent/guardian (such as a picture/scan of driving license or passport).
- Proof of address of the parent/guardian (such as a utility bill or bank statement less than 3 months old)

➤ **Interest Free Loan from UJIA**

Applicants are entitled to apply for up to 60% of the cost of tour. Decisions will be based on affordability, and they may not be offered a loan for the full amount you have requested.

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We strongly recommend that anyone looking to apply for financial assistance should complete the form and submit it together with the documents required, as soon as possible. **We will not be able to review your applications without all the documents required.**

We deal with applications on a first come, first served basis, therefore if you do not apply before the deadline, we cannot guarantee that there will be funds available. However, for those who experience a change in financial circumstances before the programme start date, we will do our best to accommodate later applications where possible. You can also contact your Youth Movement/Organisation directly for more information.

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