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APPLYING FOR ISRAEL TOUR 2027

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The application process for youth movement summer tours in 2027 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.

The financial assistance process is a partnership between UJIA, the Youth Movements, and you the parents/guardians. The process is means-tested and we aim to provide the highest level of funding available to those most in need. **Please be aware, applying for a bursary does not mean that the full amount of Tour will be covered.** You will be expected to pay what you can afford, and there may still be a shortfall amount that is not able to be covered by the Youth Movement/Organisation or UJIA. Therefore, we do also encourage you to explore other avenues of funding to ensure you are able to cover any shortfall in the funding you receive.

All applicants should complete the initial application form for Israel Tour as normal, and select that you intend to apply for financial assistance when prompted. After your initial application is processed you will be sent the link for the financial assistance form.

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

You will be required to upload documents to support your application. These could include:

- 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 (e.g a utility bill or bank statement which is different from your award letter and less than 3 months old).

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➢ Exceptional Circumstances

If not eligible for Hardship Funding, other applicants eligible for financial assistance can apply under this category.

You will need to provide documents for all Parents/Guardians in the household, which will include:

- 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
- 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 you may not be offered a loan for the full amount you have requested. 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
- 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)

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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