

# UJA JEWISH DAY SCHOOL INITIATIVE

# ROSE BILLER DAY SCHOOL

# SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are the scholarship and eligibility details?

The Rose Biller Day School Scholarship Fund assists students who demonstrate the highest levels of financial need. Annually \$1,000,000 in awards are given toward the cost of day school tuition. For the 2024 – 2025 academic year, Rose Biller awards will be decided and awarded as a percentage of the school's tuition, with a cap of \$5,000 per student. Awards must be used toward the cost of tuition at a Jewish day school by students currently enrolled or accepted to a Jewish day school or yeshiva in UJA-Federation's eight-county area.

Eligibility requirements for day schools:

- A completed [Day School Enrollment Form](#).
- Proof of the school's 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.
- An up-to-date [W-9 form](#).
- Certification by the New York State Education Department.
- Public recognition and support of the State of Israel in the school's curriculum.
- Compliance with the Affordable Care Act in providing health insurance for employees.
- Recognition of UJA and the Rose Biller Day School Scholarship Fund in all public materials.
- Use of an independent agency to determine financial need of all students requesting tuition assistance. Arrangements may be made with [FACTS](#), [FAST](#), [TADS](#), [School and Student Services \(SSS\)](#), [Blackbaud](#), or [ParentLocker](#). Schools must submit their entire student population seeking tuition assistance to an independent financial assessment agency.

### How can day schools apply for enrollment?

First, schools should submit a complete [Day School Enrollment Form](#), along with one copy of the school's:

- Letterhead
- 501(c)(3) certificate
- W-9 form

Please submit materials by **Friday March 15, 2024**. The form can be completed [here](#).

### Our school is successfully enrolled with the Rose Biller Day School Scholarship Fund. What's next?

Once enrolled, your school will receive instructions and a Scholarship Request Form by email. Your school must continue to work with an independent agency — FACTS, FAST, TADS, or School and Student Services (SSS) for Financial Aid — to determine the needs of all students requesting tuition assistance.

### How are the students chosen?

For the 2024 – 2025 school year, priority will be given to students with 100% need. Please note that for the 2024 – 2025 school year, we will no longer be including all students transferring from non-Jewish schools in this eligibility pool. Only students transferring from a non-Jewish school with 100% verified financial need may be eligible for this scholarship.

### What will the schools submit to UJA?

Once the independent agencies identify the neediest families in your school, schools will submit a Scholarship Request Form, indicating students with the most need and those transferring in. **Schools can submit up to 10 percent of their total student population on the Scholarship Request Form.** Schools should submit their Scholarship Request Form via email to [dayschoolscholarship@ujafedny.org](mailto:dayschoolscholarship@ujafedny.org) by **Friday, May 17, 2024**. *Handwritten or PDF submissions will not be accepted. Scholarship Request forms submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.*

### When will day schools find out whether their students were awarded the Rose Biller Day School Scholarship Fund?

Once request forms have been submitted, they will be reviewed and funding decisions will be made. Your school will be notified regarding funding decisions by **Friday, June 14, 2024**.

### How many awards can the school hope for?

The number of awards a school receives is based on a number of factors, including how many eligible students have been nominated by all enrolled schools. The number varies from year to year.

### When will schools receive checks?

Schools that receive scholarship awards can expect to receive payment in **November 2024**, once additional materials have been submitted. Additional materials will be outlined in the grant letter received by each school.

### Where does the money come from, and how does it get to day schools?

The Rose Biller Day School Scholarship Fund of UJA provides the awards. Payments are sent directly to the schools receiving awards.