

Rose Biller Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

What are the scholarship and eligibility details?

For the 2017 – 2018 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 currently enrolled or accepted to a Jewish day school or yeshiva students in UJA'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 (NYSED).
- 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](#), or the [School and Student Service for Financial Aid](#). Other independent agencies can also be submitted for consideration. Schools need to 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:

- Contract with an independent agency
- Letterhead
- 501(c)(3) certificate
- W-9 form

Please submit materials by **Friday, February 17, 2017**. The form can be completed here. **Unfortunately, we can't accept late submissions.**

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

Your school must continue to work with an independent agency — FACTS, FAST, TADS, or School and Student Service (SSS) for Financial Aid — to determine the needs of all students requesting tuition assistance. You'll need to create your own internal deadline to make sure that the assessment is ready in time for our deadline.

How are the students chosen?

Schools are to use an independent agency — FACTS, FAST, TADS, or SSS for Financial Aid — to determine the financial needs of all students seeking tuition assistance from that school. Schools can submit any students that demonstrate financial need. Priority will be given to students at the highest level of need and transfer students from non-Jewish schools.

What will the schools submit to UJA-Federation of New York?

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 only submit 10 percent of their total student population on the Scholarship Request Form.**

Schools should submit their Scholarship Request Form via e-mail to dayschoolscholarships@ujafedny.org by **Friday May 19, 2017**. **Unfortunately, we can't accept handwritten or PDF submissions. We also can't accept late submissions.**

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

Once we receive the completed Scholarship Request Form, the Scholarship Committee of the Commission on Jewish Identity & Renewal will review the scholarship requests and determine the funding decisions. We'll notify you by **Monday June 5, 2017**.

How many awards can the school hope for?

While we don't have a set number, it'll be finalized once every school submits their final list.

When will schools receive checks?

If your school is awarded a scholarship, you should expect to receive your scholarship check in **October 2017**, once you confirm that all the students who were awarded a Rose Biller scholarship are registered with you.

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

UJA supports The Rose Biller Day School Scholarship Fund. We send grant letters and tuition checks directly to schools.