

Masa: Israel Journey



2006/7 Scholarship/Grant Application

Dear Applicant,

Congratulations!

You are pursuing the Israel program of your choice and are soon to be on your way.

It has been documented that a long-term experience in Israel, studying, touring, volunteering, meeting with Israelis, and many other experiences, has an enriching effect on participants. As such, the Office of the Prime Minister of the State of Israel together with the Jewish Agency have initiated MASA-Israel Journey – The Gateway to Long-term Programs in Israel. MASA (Journey, in Hebrew) is designed to provide an opportunity for Jewish young adults, from high school graduates to the age of 30, to spend an extended period of time in Israel (5 months minimum).

Since you have registered for one of the many and varied programs approved by MASA, you are eligible to apply for a MASA scholarship.

MASA scholarships come in two forms:

1. Needs-based scholarships that are open to all participants in any MASA-affiliated program.
2. University grants for students currently enrolled in a university or college study who will be participating in a semester or a year-long academic program in Israel.

Attached is our official Application Form for needs-based scholarship and university grant. If you are interested in a needs-based scholarship, you must complete sections 1, 2 and 4 of the application form. If you are currently enrolled in a college or university and plan to attend a MASA-affiliated university program, and are only interested in the \$2,000 university grant, you must complete sections 1, 3 and 4 of the application. If you are applying for both a needs-based scholarship and a university grant, please complete all sections. MASA will take the university grant into consideration when determining the amount of your needs-based scholarship.

All relevant sections of the application form **MUST** be completed by the applicant unless the applicant is less than 18 years of age, in which case, the application must be completed by the parent(s)/guardian(s). The application form must also be accompanied by the signed declaration which you will find at the end of Section 1. Return the completed form to your Program Organizer,* together with the necessary documentation.

Incomplete scholarship application forms and/or forms not accompanied by the required official documentation will not be processed.

All information will be held in the strictest confidence.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to turn to your Israel program organizer, or to Masainfo@Masaisrael.org

**We wish you every success,
MASA staff,
Jerusalem, Israel**

*For participants from Australia or the United Kingdom, please see instructions at the end of Section 2.

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SECTION 1:

Applicant's Name

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Name of Organization / Movement Running Applicant's Selected Program

.....

Selected Program Name
(if different from the organization)

Program Dates

Starting date:

Ending date:

For Israel Program Organizer's use only

Program Organizer to place official stamp here

Date:

Signature:

For MASA office use only

REF:

NUMBER:

Program name:

Length of program in months



Please start completing the form now.

When you have finished completing the form, please read and sign the declaration below.

- If you are under the age of 18 years, your parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to complete the attached form and declaration.
- If you are financially independent and not reliant in any way on your Parent(s)/Guardian(s), please attach a signed statement that attests to this.

Declaration

I declare that the information I have given in this Application Form is a true and complete statement.

I understand that if it is determined that this application contains inconsistencies or inaccurate information, a review will be conducted of any scholarship awarded and may result in cancellation of the scholarship.

I accept that it is a condition of any financial assistance awarded that in the event that I (my child/my ward) does/do not complete the program, change(s) from the program stated to another program, or am (is) dismissed from the program for which application is made, I shall, upon request from the Scholarship Committee of MASA, immediately reimburse MASA with the amount the Scholarship Committee will request.

I declare that the information I have given in this Application Form is a true and complete statement.

I accept that it is a condition of any financial assistance awarded that in the event that I (my child/my ward) does/do not complete the program, change(s) programs, or am (is) dismissed from the program for which this application is made, **I shall immediately reimburse the Program Organizer with the amount requested by The MASA Company.**

Signature of Applicant.....

(Parent/Guardian where applicant is under the age of 18 years)

Name

Date

(Please print clearly)



SECTION 2:
Applicant's Details

Please mark the appropriate box:

Are you Jewish? Yes No

	Parent / Guardian 1	Parent / Guardian 2	Applicant
Name			
* Mailing Address in country of origin			
* Permanent Address if different			
* Home Phone			
Home Fax			
Mobile Phone			
E-mail			
Identity Number/ Social Security No.			
Nationality			
Date of Birth	n/a	n/a	

* Required

Did your family emigrate from elsewhere? Yes No

If "yes", please complete the following:

Country of origin:

Year of emigration:





**Summary of Details of
Other Sources of Income
Towards Your Israel
Program Costs**

(local scholarships, grants,
savings plans, etc.)

I have received confirmation of other sources of funding from the following:

Source	Amount	Currency
Total		



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Applicant's Financial Details

Are you, the applicant:

Single

Married

Other

Are you supporting any other person? Yes

 No

If "yes", please provide details:

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Are you currently employed?

 Yes No

If "yes" where?

From what date?.....

Full time / Part time (check)

Have you completed your own income tax return?

 Yes No

If "yes" please attach a copy to this application in addition to other required documentation

Are you receiving any other financial support: (parents, other family member, etc)

 Yes No

If yes:

How much annually? (specify amount and currency)

From where / whom?

For what purpose? (education, living expenses, rent etc.)

.....

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Family Financial Details

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If you are financially independent, please include your own information

We appreciate that this may be a difficult page to complete and we want to assure you of the strict confidentiality of this information.

NOTE: **Incomplete information in this section will disqualify you from receipt of financial support**

Family annual income and expenditure is to be completed in your local currency

State what currency

ANNUAL INCOME		ANNUAL EXPENDITURE	
Detail	Amount	Detail	Amount
Father/Guardian 1			
Mother/Guardian 2		Exceptional Expenditure such as:	
Income support (state source)		Medical	
Sickness/Disability		Special Education	
Child Benefit		Child Care for extraordinary circumstances	
Housing Benefit		Others	
Maintenance (from other parent)			
Pensions		School Fee for Jewish Education	
Interest/Savings/Shares		Formal Education	
Grants/Bursaries		Non formal	
Other (specify):		Other	
Other (specify):			
Other (specify):			
Total Income		Total Expenditure	



What you must do now

- Ensure that **all** parts of the application have been completed **in full**
- Ensure you have attached copies of **all required documentation**
- Fill out the survey on section 4.
- Send this completed Application Form to the Program Organizer* of the long-term Israel program for which you have registered

OFFICIAL PROOF OF EARNINGS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION

Your details as well as details of both parent(s)/ guardian(s) are required.
Photocopies are acceptable.

No application will be considered without all the above information and accompanying documentation.

* Participants from England should send their completed applications to:

Mr. David Goldberg
Director of the Israel Experience in the UK
The Jewish Agency for Israel
Balfour House, 741 High Road
Finchley London N12 0BQ
England

Participants from Australia should send their completed applications to:

- Israel Central
Zionist Federation of Australia Israel Programs Pty Ltd
Level 3
146 Darlinghurst Rd
Darlinghurst
NSW, Australia 2010
- Sydney Office: Dara Podjarski
Email: dara@zfa.com.au
Tel: (02) 9360 6300
Fax: (02) 9360 6004
- Melbourne Office: Alissa Littmann
Email: alissa@zfa.com.au
Tel: (03) 9272 5644
Fax: (03) 9272 5640



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Application for a MASA University Program Grant

Dear Applicant,

We congratulate you on your choice to come and study in Israel in one of the MASA-approved university programs. If you have already begun your university or college study, and intend to participate in a semester or a year-long academic program in Israel you are entitled to a \$2,000 grant from MASA.

No strings attached, and you are still eligible to apply for a MASA scholarship based on financial need to cover to cover more of your expenses.

To receive this grant, fill out the following form and send it to your academic program in Israel together with sections 1 and 4.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to write us at Masainfo@Masaisrael.org

We wish you every success.

MASA staff,
Jerusalem, Israel

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**MASA Grant
Application Form**

1: Applicant's Details

Last name

First name

Current Address

Permanent Address

City.....

State

Zip.....

Country

Telephone

Cell Phone

Fax

E-mail

Citizenship

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Are you Jewish? Yes No



2: Academic Details

Name of college/university you are now attending:

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Location:

Year: 1st year 2nd year 3rd year 4th year

Major:

3: Name of Academic Program in Israel

Name of the Academic Institution in Israel where you will study:

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Please indicate the specific undergraduate program for which you are registering:

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Full-year Fall Semester Spring Semester Other (specify)

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How did you hear about MASA?

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Signature: Date



SECTION 4:
Survey

For purposes of research and evaluation, we ask that you complete the following survey and return it with your application. This survey will be processed separately and will not in any way affect your eligibility for a Masa scholarship.

- 1 **Have you ever been to Israel?** Yes No
- 2 **If yes, how many times?** Once Twice Three or more times
- 3 **What is the longest single period you have been to Israel?**
 - Up to 2 weeks
 - 15-29 days
 - 1-2 months
 - 3-4 months
 - 5 months or more
- 4 **Have you ever lived in Israel?** Yes No
- 5 **In which of the following contexts have you ever been to Israel? (check all that apply):**
 - With my family
 - On my own, or with friends
 - On birthright israel
 - With a youth group, such as from my synagogue
 - To study at a yeshiva program
 - To study at a university program
 - As a volunteer
- 6 **Do you (or either of your parents or both) belong to a synagogue?** Yes No
- 7 **If the answer to #6 is yes, what is your (or their) synagogue affiliation?**
 - Orthodox
 - Conservative
 - Reform
 - Reconstructionist
 - Other
 - Several
 - Don't know



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8 **What is the main form of Jewish schooling you received before the age of 13?**

- None
- Sunday school
- School that met 2-3 times a week
- Day school
- Yeshiva

9 **Have you ever participated in or attended any of the following? (check all that apply):**

- A Jewish youth group
- A Jewish-sponsored day camp
- A Jewish-sponsored overnight camp
- A Hillel program on campus
- A course in Jewish studies

10 **Do you have a brother or sister who has ever been to Israel?** Yes No

11 **Do you have any close friends who have ever been to Israel?** Yes No

12 **How well, if at all, can you understand spoken Hebrew?**

- Not at all
- A few words
- Simple sentences
- Most conversations
- I am fluent in Hebrew



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