JCC Association
Graduate Scholarship Programs
Join the JCC Staff

JCC employees...

- Enjoy on-site fitness opportunities
- Benefit from generous holiday, vacation and healthcare plans
- Take part in high-quality JCC programming for individuals and families
- Make a difference in the community through work that touches lives
- Participate in professional development opportunities throughout the year

Career opportunities in:

- administration
- adult services
- aquatics
- arts & culture
- day and overnight camping
- early childhood education
- executive management
- facility management
- fundraising and development
- health and wellness
- Jewish education
- membership
- public relations and marketing
- sports and recreation
- youth and teen programming

JCC Association offers two distinct scholarship awards:

Full-Time Graduate Scholarship

- Receive $10,000 per year for up to two years of study
- Participate in JCC Association training conferences and career development programs
- Participate in mentoring program with seasoned JCC professionals

Applicants must:

- Pursue a master’s degree in a field relevant to JCC employment
- Agree to work in the JCC Movement for at least two years upon graduation
- Attend school full-time
- Complete an internship at a Jewish Community Center
- Be willing to relocate for employment after graduating

Full-Time JCC Professionals Pursuing Part-Time Master’s Degrees (Tuition Assistance Program)

- Receive tuition assistance from JCC Association to pursue part-time graduate studies

Applicants must:

- Work full-time in a JCC while attending classes
- Pursue a master’s degree in a field relevant to JCC employment
- Be a full-time JCC professional for at least one year before applying
- Display professional dedication and accomplishment at their JCC

Application deadline is February 1.
Why a graduate degree?

**Competitive Edge** – Having a post-graduate degree will put you ahead! A master’s degree is replacing a bachelor’s as the minimum requirement for employment. While holding a graduate degree is not a guarantee of ultimate success, it certainly opens many more doors for a career at a JCC.

**Financial Gain** – Obtaining a master’s degree can give you a jump start into a higher wage. The United States Census Bureau concluded there is nearly a 30 percent difference in average annual salary between those with graduate degrees and those without.

**Knowledge & Perspective** – Earning a graduate degree is evidence of persistence, determination, intellectual expertise, and the ability to handle challenging environments—all of which are desirable qualities for high-level positions.

**Job Flexibility** – Going to grad school can help you gain more flexibility in the type of work you want to do. The JCC offers a variety of career options; you just need to find the right fit.

Taking time now to go to school for a master’s degree will pay off in the long run.

Why Jewish Community Centers?

Jewish Community Centers are multi-service community agencies that provide a wide array of programs, courses, and activities for people of all ages. In addition to stimulating and rewarding work, you’ll enjoy a friendly, family-like atmosphere that values your mental and physical well-being.

Employment at a JCC allows you to:

- **Do good, while doing work you love**
- **Work for a cause**
- **Work in all different aspects of the agency**
- **Learn about and become involved in the community**
- **Participate in professional development and other training opportunities**

When you work at a JCC you’re a part of a professional family and a community. From top-quality early childhood education programs, to state-of-the-art fitness centers, from innovative theaters and art galleries to supervised senior adult daycare, JCCs do it all. In a recent survey of JCC employee satisfaction, more than **90 percent** of professionals reported enjoying their jobs!
Scholarship FAQ's

When is the application due?
February 1st.

What makes the JCC Association Graduate Education Scholarship Program such a great deal?
The JCC Association Graduate Education Scholarship Program is designed to help current and future JCC professionals deepen and enhance their professional knowledge in order to make them effective and successful.

Will you help me get a job post-graduation?
We will work with you on developing your profile to be sent to all affiliated JCCs. You should be the most active advocate for your own job search. Each JCC hires its own professional staff.

What happens if I cannot fulfill my two-year commitment?
The individual is required to pay back the full amount of the scholarship within three months. If a scholarship recipient leaves the field before fulfilling the commitment, s/he will be obligated to pay a pro-rated amount.

Can you help me fund my undergraduate schooling?
Our funding is for graduate degrees only.

To apply, please visit jccworks.com and click scholarship.

Questions?

Contact:
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jccworks.com

“I always wanted to go back to graduate school. I knew it would help me perform even better at a job I love…My scholarship left me feeling that I was the kind of person that JCC Association wanted to invest in, and one who in turn is eager to take what I learn and invest it in my community, one that has given me so much.”
Anna Bronfman, class of 2013
program director at Shorefront Y in Brooklyn, NY

“I never considered a JCC career, and I knew that I could not afford graduate school. JCC Association gave me more than the financial assistance I needed—the JCC Association Graduate Scholarship laid the foundation for my entire career. Since completing my degree, I have become an executive director of a JCC.”
Barak Hermann, executive director, JCC of Greater Baltimore
1995–1996 scholarship recipient

“JCC Association’s Graduate Scholarship program has allowed me the opportunity to not only grow academically, but also to network, learn, and communicate with other professionals in the field. I have gained incredible new mentors.”
Sara Sideman, class of 2013; assistant director, JCC Camps at Medford, Katz JCC, Cherry Hill, NJ
More information at jccworks.com

- Applications available for download, September through January
- Answers to frequently asked questions and a list of requirements
- Acceptable master’s programs include, but are not limited to, Jewish communal service, nonprofit management, MBA, public policy, Jewish studies, marketing, sports management, early childhood education, and more...

Funding

Funding for scholarships is made possible by generous donations from Jewish communal leaders, individual sponsors, JCC Association board members, foundations, and former scholars.