

2025-26 Lester Seigel Scholarship Award Application

Deadline to apply: February 1

The **Lester Seigel Scholarship**, of our Temple's Grafman Endowment Fund, recognizes an outstanding 5th grader and/or 6th grader each year and **provides up to full tuition to attend URJ Jacobs Camp for one session during the upcoming summer**. The deserving student should represent character traits of the designee for whom it was named. Dr. Lester Seigel has long been a prominent member of Temple Emanu-El, serving many roles as Executive Director, organist, member of the Executive Board, leading Torah study and services, and chanting Torah, as well as a model representative of the Jewish people in the broader Birmingham community.

Selection of the scholarship winner will be based on the recommendation of Religious School teacher(s) as one who possesses leadership potential and exemplifies Jewish principles in addition to review of the application below. Consideration will be given to each student with regards to dedication to their Jewish studies, service to their temple and secular communities, and the performance of Mitzvot.

The scholarship provides a summer to learn and enhance new skills in athletics, aquatics, the arts and adventure and nature programs, while experiencing personal growth and spirituality through incorporation of Jewish practice in daily life as well as through camp music and celebration of Shabbat. Jacobs Camp allows the student to foster friendships with other Jewish youth in the southeast, many of whom will remain life-long friends through high school (NFTY & BBYO), college and beyond. Immersion into Jacobs Camp reinforces our Jewish values and instills pride in our shared Jewish heritage and traditions. For more information about Jacobs Camp please click on the link below.

<https://jacobscamp.org/about/watch-our-videos/>

By earning the **Lester Seigel Scholarship**, the student has confidence that Temple Emanu-El is investing in them to return as a future leader of Temple and our Jewish people.

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____

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Feel free to attach additional pages, if needed.

Name: _____

Have you previously attended summer camp?

_____ Yes

How many years _____

Name of Camp _____

_____ No

Describe any leadership experience in which you have been involved with your school, community and/or Temple.

Describe any service opportunities and/or Mitzvot in which you have participated.

Describe what you hope to gain by attending Jacobs Camp

What do you hope your involvement in the Jewish community in which you live will be as you get older (in the next 20 years).

Please return completed application by February 1st to:

Youth Scholarship Committee, Attn: Elizabeth Bloch

*2100 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35205 * ebloch@ourtemple.org*

For any questions, please contact our Director of Education, Elizabeth Bloch at (205)933-8037, ext 232.