

THINK B.I.G.

BEFORE I GRADUATE

VENTURE FORWARD

APPLYING FOR A VENTURE AWARD

STEP 1: COME UP WITH AN IDEA

Think B.I.G. – what do you want to do? Make a plan for your idea with friends, strangers, or on your own. Start a club or group at your school, develop a new program or event - the sky's the limit! We're happy to help you think through your ideas.

STEP 2: APPLY

Visit Cincyjewishteens.com, click “apply”, and complete & submit your application. In your application, you will be asked to name an adult advisor to assist you. If you do not have someone in mind, we will match you with an advisor who has experience that matches your idea.

STEP 3: GET APPROVED

Ultimate decisions on awardees will be made by a representative committee of teens. Applications will be reviewed and awarded on a quarterly basis.

STEP 4: IMPLEMENT

Put your plan into action! Arrange everything needed for your program/event/activity, and get others to help/join you!

STEP 5: INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN

All high school age teens are welcome! They don't have to be from your school or a specific organization.

DEADLINE FOR VENTURE AWARDS

June 18 2018, September 17 2018,
December 17 2018, and March 18 2019.

You may reapply for this grant on a quarterly basis.

QUESTIONS?

Visit Cincyjewishteens.com and click “Learn More”
or email CJTC@mayersonjcc.org

CINCINNATI JEWISH TEEN COLLECTIVE

VENTURE AWARDS PROGRAM OUTLINE

GOAL

The goal of the Venture Awards is to empower teens to impact the Jewish landscape for their generation. The Venture Awards program is designed to fund and nurture locally generated initiatives that will deepen the Jewish experiences available to Cincinnati's Jewish teens, connect teens not currently engaged, and deepen the connections and Jewish social networks of teens who are engaged. The Venture Awards program intends to increase and enhance the quality of Jewish learning and engagement experiences, putting teens in the driver's seat to impact their world.

RESOURCES

Thanks to the generosity of The Jim Joseph Foundation and The Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, teens and/or organizations that serve teens will be able to apply for financial awards to help fuel their own ideas and initiatives. Award decisions will be made by a committee of teen leadership and cross-institutional advisors. The Mayerson JCC and Cincinnati Jewish Teen Collective are managing the administration of this program.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$50,000 for teen-led proposals.

\$50,000 for organization-led proposals.

These funds may be redistributed between teen-led and organization-led projects at the discretion of the committee. Funds not distributed in a grant year may roll over into future years within the five-year initiative period. Awards will be between \$500-\$5,000 each. Exceptional projects may be eligible for larger funding amounts, pending availability.

CRITERIA

Applications for funding will be accepted on a quarterly basis.

Projects should provide Jewish teens with experiences that will contribute to their individual learning, identity and growth during their high school years.

Proposals submitted by teens should be created with input and assistance from local adult role models, mentors, experts in a related field, business leaders, etc. The Cincinnati Jewish Teen Collective will assist in connecting teens to mentors when necessary.

Proposals submitted by organizations such as a Jewish youth group, congregation, school, etc. must be created with input and leadership from teens involved in the project.

More than one organization or group may jointly apply for a single project (and are encouraged to do so), but the proposal should indicate which organization will receive and report on the use of funds and project results.

Awarded initiatives must be completed within one year (in other words, the time between your project start and end dates must not exceed 365 days).

SELECTION CRITERIA

Priority will be given to projects that address the following principles:

WHO AM I?

Teens develop a stronger sense of self.

Teens feel a sense of pride about being Jewish.

Teens experience learning that is both challenging and valuable, and that enables them to be more active participants in various Jewish communities.

WITH WHOM AND WHAT AM I CONNECTED?

Teens learn about and positively experience Jewish holidays and Shabbat.

Teens establish strong friendships.

Teens develop strong and healthy relationships with their families.

Teens develop significant relationships with mentors, role models, and educators.

Teens are able to express their values and ethics in relation to Jewish principles and wisdom.

Teens develop the skills and language to allow them to grapple with and express their spiritual journeys.

TO WHOM AND FOR WHAT AM I RESPONSIBLE IN THIS WORLD?

Teens feel connected to their various communities.

Teens develop the desire and commitment to be an active part of the Jewish people now and in the future.

Teens develop a positive relationship to the land, people, and State of Israel.

HOW CAN I BRING ABOUT CHANGE IN THIS WORLD?

Teens are inspired and empowered to make a positive difference in the various communities and world in which they live.

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO
PROJECTS THAT:**

Attract and engage lesser-involved Jewish teens;

Demonstrate significant teen input into the proposal and project implementation;

Demonstrate collaboration between existing teen groups or individuals; and/or

Involve teens from diverse Jewish backgrounds, including socio-economic, regional-geographic, denomination, and previous Jewish involvement, etc.

WHAT WILL THE VENTURE AWARDS NOT COVER?

The Venture Awards will not cover certain expenses, including but not limited to:

Travel to self-organized meetings, even if related to your project/venture.

Overseas travel if a similar opportunity is available in your locale, or if the benefits of the experience do not justify international travel.

Transport and/or accommodation that is not directly connected to the Award opportunity.

Ongoing business-related expenses (e.g. renting office space, long-term equipment rental, ongoing subscription fees for software, etc.).

Salaries or services that you are rendering to yourself, your organization, or others. For example, awards cannot be paid for your time spent preparing for a presentation.

The development of a skill that is not directly related to the goal of the program. For example, conferences, classes, or webinars that do not relate to the Award opportunity.

PROCESS

Applications for funding will be reviewed by a committee of teen leadership and cross-institutional advisors. Proposals will be evaluated and funded on a quarterly basis.

AWARD ACCEPTANCE

If your project is awarded funding, please note the following requirements:

Funded projects will be required to follow Cincinnati Jewish Teen Collective branding and logo/language guidelines.

Funded projects will be required to submit a post-project report detailing their results. Failure to submit reports will eliminate the group from future award consideration.

Awardees must report on aspects of the program for tracking and impact research; this may include participant names, contact information, and age.

AWARD PAYMENT POLICY:

Awardees are required to collect the appropriate information and use the correct payment method/procedure based on the dollar thresholds detailed below:

For payments to individuals that are less than \$100 AND the individual awardee is not expected to receive total award payments of more than \$600 for the calendar year, payments may be processed with a check. The Cincinnati Jewish Teen Collective will keep a record of these payments.

For payments to an individual greater than \$100 OR if the individual awardee is expected to receive total award payments more than \$600 for the calendar year, payments must be processed utilizing one of the following options:

To receive a check, the recipient must complete a W-9 form. The completed form(s) must be provided to the Mayerson JCC's Accounts Payable in order to process. Awardees choosing this option will receive a 1099 form from the Mayerson JCC.

Individual awardees may also submit purchase orders detailing planned expenditures in advance, and submit documentation confirming these purchases.

Individual awardees may also submit expenses for reimbursement after purchasing with their own funds. Please note, purchases must be in line with intended use as described in the original award application.

All payments must be supported by source documentation. Documentation must be retained. In the event of an IRS or sponsor audit/request, it is the responsibility of the awardee to provide appropriate source documentation applicable to each payment method to support each payment.