

**Tuition Assistance Guidelines**

Dear Parents,

The goal of the tuition assistance process is to ensure that every Jewish child receives a Jewish education in a fair and equitable manner. We recognize the cost of a yeshiva education can be a financial challenge and are committed to doing our best to partner with you. The Frisch School provides tuition assistance to families based upon documented need, as a supplement to family resources. Prior to completing an application for tuition assistance, we encourage all families to carefully evaluate their personal economic circumstances as it is important that families prioritize and contribute to the educational cost of their child's tuition at the highest level possible given their means.

We understand that the tuition assistance process can be daunting. It is of great importance that the committee has as much information as possible in order to provide the appropriate amount of aid to families given its limited resources. Accuracy of information is also of significant importance to the process and ensures that awards are given equitably. The committee has the right to reject an application if it is found that information is withheld, omitted or is inaccurate. All tuition assistance information is kept in the strictest confidence by the committee.

The outline below is intended to be a general guideline for families seeking to maximize their potential tuition assistance eligibility. This is not an all-inclusive list of considerations, but we hope it provides additional transparency to some of the more material discretionary and non-discretionary items impacting the decisions to allocate limited resources. Each application will be evaluated based on the totality of the family's personal facts and circumstances.

1. **Tuition:** It is important for parents to make every effort to raise funds on their own to cover the cost of tuition. This includes (but not limited to):
  - (i) Involving grandparents and other family members.
  - (ii) Families with children in college should use all resources that are available to them (such as scholarships and grants), before applying for tuition assistance. College tuition is not taken into consideration when evaluating requests for tuition assistance.
  - (iii) Transportation costs to and from Frisch (bussing) are not eligible for financial assistance.
2. **Travel and Vacation:** Any leisure travel should be limited and modest.
3. **Home Expenses:** Home expenses should be limited to necessary and urgent repairs. Expansions, renovations, and significant home improvements should be avoided.
4. **Sleepaway Summer Camp:** Sleepaway camp should be limited to one month and families should request financial aid from the camp.
5. **Summer Travel Programs:** Summer teen tours and travel programs are viewed by the committee as a luxury and not a necessity. If a child does attend a summer travel program, financial assistance should be requested and an explanation to the committee is required.
6. **Family Smachot:** All family smachot should be made in a modest fashion. Families are expected to make efficient choices when planning wedding and bar/bat mitzvah celebrations.

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7. **Tzedakah:** Any extra discretionary funds a family has should be allocated to paying yeshiva tuition. It is understandable that families pay their synagogue dues and may want to contribute modestly to other charitable causes but significant charitable gifts to other causes will be factored into tuition assistance awards.
8. **Employment:** If one spouse is not employed, the committee will need to understand the circumstances and will factor this into their tuition assistance award.

As stated above, the goal of the Tuition Assistance Committee is to enable every Jewish child to receive a Jewish education while ensuring an equitable allocation of the limited resources available for tuition assistance. We hope this brief outline will help ensure a smooth application process for your family. We look forward to partnering with you.

Respectfully,

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