

Welcome to the 2016 JOFEE Fellowship Application! We're so glad you're here.

This summary is intended to help you prepare your application for the 2016 JOFEE Fellowship. Questions contained here are the same as those on the online application form. Formatting has been adjusted for ease of use.

**You must complete the [online application form](#) to apply.
Applications sent by email or snail mail will NOT be accepted.**

Please note: our online application form does not auto-save responses, and may also time out if you stay on the application page too long. We highly suggest that you review the entire application before beginning, record your responses on a separate document, and then cut and paste them into the online application when ready.

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Applications will be reviewed and processed on a rolling basis. Successful candidates will be provisionally accepted into the Fellowship, with full acceptance taking place after a successful match, including a final interview with the host institution.

Applications are open and will be accepted and processed on a rolling basis with three rounds of application review and processing. Early application is highly encouraged. Deadlines for application review are as follows:

September 30, 2015	Application Deadline for Round One review
November 2, 2015	Application Deadline for Round Two review
December 2, 2015	Final Application Deadline

Questions along the way? Please visit the website (www.hazon.org/jofee-fellowship) and/or contact jofee@hazon.org

Background and Experience

For questions 3-5 below, please be sure to refer to your JOFEE-specific experiences when applicable. If you have not had a JOFEE experience, refer to comparable experiences, preferably in the areas of formal or informal Jewish learning, Jewish communal work, outdoor leadership, or programs related to food or environmental education. Please include program dates and role(s) (e.g. participant, educator, fellow) when applicable.

1. JOFEE Experiences
 - a. List all long-term JOFEE experiences (approximately two months or longer) that you have participated in. (e.g. Teva, Adamah, Urban Adamah, Amir, Pearlstone Apprenticeship, Eden Village Camp etc.)
 - b. List all short-term JOFEE experiences you've participated in (i.e. less than two months – including one- or several-day programs such as Hazon Food Conference, Hazon Food Festivals, Teva Seminar, Pearlstone Beit Midrash, Wilderness Torah Pesach in the Desert, etc).
 - c. If none of the above apply, tell us how else you've been introduced to the JOFEE world.
2. Please list your professional experience(s) teaching/leading education programs. Include Jewish / JOFEE specific experience if applicable.
3. JOFEE Fellows will be moving into new roles and, for many, new locations. Tell us about a time when you stepped into a similar situation. What was challenging, and how did you learn and grow during the experience? (250 words or less)
4. Tell us about a project, program, or significant ongoing task that you managed independently. How did you organize the project/program and move it forward? How did you handle complications and roadblocks throughout the process? (250 words or less)
5. Success as a JOFEE Fellow will require working effectively with volunteers, stakeholders, and other professionals in your host community. Tell us about a time when you worked in this type of collaborative setting. What was successful, what was challenging, and what did you learn? (250 words or less)

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Skills

Please rate your proficiency in the following skills / content areas using the following ranking scale:

0 – no experience or training

1 – some exposure e.g. a class, workshop, etc but could not teach it myself

2 – could teach/lead this with some proficiency (eg with considerable prep time and/or with a co-teacher)

3 – able to teach/lead this with high proficiency (eg independently and/or with minimal prep time)

This is to give us a snapshot of your current skills & experience as an educator, keeping in mind that if you were already an expert in all of these areas, we wouldn't need to train you!

Jewish Education

- Jewish text study
- Jewish prayer
- Hebrew language skills
- Classroom-based Jewish learning
- Informal Jewish learning
- Jewish early childhood education
- Jewish youth education (pre-B'Nai Mitzvah)
- Jewish teen education (post B'Nai Mitzvah)
- Jewish college education
- Jewish adult education

Outdoor Education

- Wilderness / survival skills
- Navigation / Orienteering
- Group/Team-building activities
- Ropes Course facilitation
- Outdoor leadership, trip-leading, or guiding (e.g. backpacking, canoeing, etc)
- Yoga, martial arts, other movement practices
- Campfire songs & activities

Food Education

- Cooking (general)
- Outdoor cooking
- Nutrition education
- Food preservation (e.g. pickling, canning, drying)

- Farm/garden education
- Farm to Table programs
- Jewish seders (Passover, Tu'Bishvat, etc)
- Jewish agricultural laws & traditions
- Food systems / food justice education

Environmental Education

- Ecology / Natural Sciences Education
- Outdoor science / inquiry-based education
- Nature arts & crafts
- Environmental ethics / philosophy
- Nature Games / on-trail activities
- Restoration / conservation projects
- Night Hikes / sensory activities
- Institutional "greening" projects (composting, recycling, energy use, etc)
- Hydrology / aquatic sciences
- Climate change education

Other

- Garden / landscape design
- Permaculture
- Natural / sustainable building techniques
- Drama / Improv activities
- Music / song-leading
- Any other relevant skills you'd like to tell us about?

1. From your responses to the above skills ratings, choose two or three skills for which you rated yourself highly proficient (3). How did you acquire proficiency in these skills? E.g., what was the blend of formal and informal training, academic learning, and/or hands-on learning that you underwent to learn these skills? (250 words or less)
2. Choose two to three skills you rated between 0-2 that you would like to strengthen during the JOFEE Fellowship. Why would you like to strengthen these skills and how do you believe the Fellowship would help you accomplish this? (250 words or less)

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Placement Preferences

For their professional placement, Fellows will be placed at either existing JOFEE organizations or at Jewish Community Centers located in the US. Successful candidates will be provisionally accepted into the Fellowship, with full acceptance taking place after a successful match. Prospective host institutions are also undergoing a parallel application process. Your responses to these questions will help us to determine the best fit between you and potential placements, in conjunction with information gathered during interviews with Hazon and potential site placements.

1. Are you willing to relocate from where you currently live to work as a JOFEE Fellow? Y/N
 - a. If no, please tell us why you hope to work where you currently live.
2. Do you have other geographical preferences for your placement? (e.g. region, small city versus large city, etc) Y/N
 - a. If yes, please describe:
3. If a specific JCC or JOFEE organization is nominating you to be their JOFEE Fellow, please list it here (this is not a prerequisite).

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Personal Essays

1. Why are you interested in the JOFEE Fellowship? How would the JOFEE Fellowship empower you both in the short term and for your future professional path? (500 words or less)
2. What specifically do you hope to accomplish as a JOFEE Fellow? E.g. what types of JOFEE programs and projects do you hope to implement? Feel free to think big, while also considering your current skills and experience, the training you'll receive at the start of the Fellowship, and the timeline of the Fellowship placement (approx. ten months beginning June 2016). (500 words or less)

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Supplemental Materials (optional)

You are invited to submit one additional material that supports your application. Examples include (but are not limited to):

1. Video response that encapsulates your approach to your work and relationship to Judaism and the outdoors, food, and/or the environment. Please upload to YouTube (you may wish to set your video to private) and include the link here. (1-2 minutes, max length)
2. Sample Curriculum / Lesson Plan (2 pages max, PDF format)
3. Creative piece of your choice (must be able to submit digitally) that demonstrates your approach to education & Jewish community (10 MB max file size)
4. Relevant articles, publications, or other media you've written or created, either in PDF format or via links to online media
5. A Dvar Torah you've written or delivered on a JOFEE –related topic

Please upload your file(s), if applicable, to: http://bit.ly/JOFEE16-17_Applications. They should be named as follows: [last name]_[first name]_supplement_[title of document]

Are you planning to submit supplemental materials? If yes, we will begin reviewing your application once all materials are submitted. (Y/N)

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References

Please list the names, titles, relationship, and contact information (email and phone) for three references who might be contacted by Hazon for a recommendation on your behalf.

At least one reference must be professional and one academic; one may be personal. The academic reference does not need to be from an accredited institution, but must be able to speak to your achievements and capabilities as a student and member of a learning community.

I give my consent for these references to be contacted at any time following submission of my application. I also understand that relevant information may also be gathered from internet searches and via conversations with individuals to whom candidates are known (though not necessarily identified by candidates as references). Please note that your consent is required for your application to move forward.

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Have you ever been arrested or indicted of any form of child abuse, or of any behavior that might be considered inappropriate for someone who will (may) be working with children? (Y/N) If yes, please explain.

Do you have current First Aid / CPR certification and/or are willing to obtain such certification if your host placement requires it? (Y/N) If no, please explain. If you have current certification, please list expiration dates.

Do you have any additional medical certifications (e.g. WFR, EMT or W-EMT, etc)? If yes, please list them here, including expiration date(s):

Do you give consent for Hazon and/or your host placement to obtain a criminal background check? (host institutions may require this information) (Y/N) If no, please explain.

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Resume

Please upload a current resume to http://bit.ly/JOFEE16-17_Applications. Your resume should be named in the following format: *[last name]_[first name]_resume*. Please submit as a PDF. Applications will not be reviewed until all materials have been submitted.

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Demographic Information

Responses to this section are for demographic purposes only and will not impact your Fellowship application.

1. Jewish Education & experiences: (check as many as apply)

- Sunday/Hebrew school (weekday afternoon or evening, or weekend)
- Jewish day school
- Jewish sleepaway camp
- high school or college semester/year in Israel
- semester or year at Yeshiva in Israel
- semester or year at Kibbutz or farm in Israel
- college courses in Hebrew or Judaic studies
- Jewish adult education course(s)
- Birthright Israel trip
- Hillel involvement
- Jewish Farm School Spring Break
- Teva Program – Participant
- Teva Program – Educator
- Adamah Fellowship
- Urban Adamah Fellowship
- Pearlstone / Kayam Beit Midrash Program
- Jewish Food Justice Fellowship
- Wilderness Torah Event
- Eden Village Camp staff
- Yiddish Farm Program
- Other JOFEE program not listed here, as a participant
- Other JOFEE program not listed here, as an employee
- Moishe House resident or participant
- Other Jewish Fellowship program (e.g. JOIN, Repair the World, Avodah, etc)

2. Please indicate your gender:

3. How would you describe your Jewish identity/observance? Check as many as apply.

4. If you are or will be applying to other similar Fellowship programs, please list them here.

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All candidates will receive a receipt of application once all materials are submitted. Due to high volume, only candidates who qualify for an interview will be contacted further.