

## Adamah Fellowship 2016 Application

Welcome to the Adamah Application process!

We suggest that you answer your essay questions in a word processing or text document and then cut and paste your answers into the fields **via our website**.

This file is for preparing your application only - **all answers to questions below must be submitted online**. There will be a few non-essay questions in the online application that are not included here, as you do not need to prepare responses ahead of time. We will not be able to accept applications submitted via email, fax or paper.

Questions along the way? Please email [adamah@hazon.org](mailto:adamah@hazon.org)

### 1. What is your housing preference?

Tent (we provide a tent on a platform)  
Beit Adamah (indoors with a roommate)  
Either

## Biographical Information

### 2. Please check below if you have ever been:

- Convicted of a criminal offense by a civilian court or by military authorities.
- Adjudicated or held responsible as a juvenile offender of any criminal offense by a civilian court or by authorities.
- Under charges for any offense or are any civil suits pending against you.
- On probation or parole.
- None of the above

3. If you checked any of the questions in #8, please explain:  
(Maximum response 255 chars, approx. 5 rows of text)

4. Please describe any training or education you have had in fields related to the environment or agriculture.

5. Please list any training and experience you may have in conflict resolution or intentional communal living.

### Short Answer Section:

Please provide brief answers (3 to 6 sentences) to the following questions.

6. Describe an experience you have had of group living (outside your family).

7. What are your strengths? What brings them out?
8. ADAMAH is committed to honoring the diversity of the Jewish community, and we hope to recruit people from a wide variety of backgrounds to participate in the program. How do you feel about living with people who are more or less religiously observant than you? How do you feel about living with people who are gay/lesbian/bisexual/straight?
9. What else would you like us to know about you as a potential ADAMAH Fellow?

**Essay Section:**

10. In 500 words or less, describe why you want to participate in ADAMAH and what you hope to gain from the Fellowship. Please include some discussion of your personal Jewish journey and your interest and involvement in farming and sustainability.

**Health Form**

***This form must be completed. It will be reviewed by ADAMAH staff but will otherwise be kept confidential.***

We recognize that this is sensitive information that can be difficult to share. The reason we ask for it is because it is extremely important to us at Adamah that all fellows are able to thrive during their time here. We ask for this information with your safety in mind; please inform us fully and accurately about medical issues that might be of importance during your season at ADAMAH.

Please be prepared to discuss this information in your interview, as well, knowing that the intention is to provide a safe space for all Adamah Fellows. Thank you in advance for sharing, and for understanding the relevance of this information in a full-time, intensive, communal program.

11. Do you have any physical or mental impairments that will require adaptations for housing, transportation, traveling, communications, or other aspects of ADAMAH? If yes, please explain.
12. Briefly describe any psychotherapy or counseling you have received and its effect on your life now. We believe that seeking therapeutic help is positive, and this information will help us understand how you have dealt with significant issues and events in your life.
13. Because of the nature of living in community, applicants in recovery from drug and alcohol abuse are requested to have a minimum of two years of sobriety before applying to ADAMAH. Please state below whether you have had a history of alcohol or drug abuse and whether you are currently in recovery. Please state how long you have been sober.
14. Please list any significant past illnesses/medical and mental health problems:

15. After submitting your application, we would like to meet with you for approximately 45 minutes to get to know you. While we prefer in person interviews, we can also accommodate interviews via phone or Skype.

Please indicate if you can commit to face-to-face interview Falls Village or any of the other locations.

Please make your selections from the choices below.

- I would like to visit the farm in Falls Village for an in person interview.
- I would like to meet a staff member visiting NYC for an in person interview.

I can only do a phone interview

I can only do a Skype interview

### **Financial Aid**

**We have a sliding scale program fee of \$600 - \$1800, which includes a \$250 deposit.**

We are able to offer highly subsidized fees thanks to the generous support of individuals and foundations and the revenue from our farm business. This covers the cost of running an integrated, intensive, and transformational residential fellowship including room, board, and educational programming. If there is one thing that all Adamah alumni agree on, it's that their time in Adamah was transformative. We deeply believe in the work that we do here, and want the Adamah experience of farming, pickling, singing, praying, learning and playing to be accessible to more people.

### **So, what should you pay?**

*If you have personal or family resources that enable you to pay the full \$1,800 fee, we ask you to do so.* IF you are unable to pay \$1,800, please consider what the highest amount is between \$600 and \$1,800 that will allow you to afford the program. **Please know that our sliding scale system only works to cover the necessary costs of the program if individuals who can afford to pay at the higher end of the spectrum do so.**

It may help to consider what it is that your program fee is helping to cover:

- Housing
- Food from our farm: organic produce, milk from our goats, lacto-fermented pickles, jams, and more
- Meals in the Isabella Freedman dining hall- kosher, and consciously-sourced
- Exposure to [retreats and programs](#) at Isabella Freedman

- Classes taught by Adamah staff as well as visiting instructors
- Field trips
- Utilities (internet, heat, laundry)

You will be asked to indicate the program fee amount you can pay on the online application when you apply for the Fellowship.

### **Payment Schedule**

Upon acceptance, you are asked to pay a \$250 non-refundable deposit, which is due within two weeks of the date you accept a place in the program. We cannot reserve your place without the deposit. We will bill you for the balance due approximately eight weeks before the start of the Fellowship. Payment is required approximately six weeks before the start date.

### **Refunds**

If you cancel for any reason prior to six weeks before the start date of your Fellowship, you will receive a full refund minus the \$250 deposit. If you cancel for any reason within six weeks of the start date of the Fellowship, there is no refund.

**16. Question - Not Required - If you are requesting to pay a fee less than \$1,800, please describe your circumstances.**