

2010-2011 JCC DILLER TEEN FELLOWS APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2010

Applicant: Please carefully read and return this completed form via e-mail, printed in pen or typed to: JCC, Attn: Diller Teen Fellows, 333 Nahanton Street, Newton, MA 02459 or teens@jccgb.org

Please Print or Type

General Information

Full Name: _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Birth date _____ Male/Female _____

Family Information:

Parent/Guardian name	Address	Daytime phone	Evening phone	e-mail

Parents/Guardians are: Married Separated Divorced Widowed Other _____

Applicant lives with: Both parents Mother Father Other _____

One or both of my parents is/are either Israeli-born or Israeli Citizen(s)

Siblings: Number _____ Names and age(s): _____

How did you hear about the JCC Diller Teen Fellows? Nominator Nomination letter from DTF

Family Friend Internet DTF Alumni – Who? _____

Other: _____

Affiliation & Observance:

Synagogue Name (if applicable): _____ **Synagogue Affiliation** _____

Personal Identification: Chasidic Conservative Humanistic Non-affiliated Orthodox

Reconstructionist Reform Renewal Other _____

Dietary Requirements/Preferences: Kosher Vegetarian Vegan

Education

Middle School: _____ public Jewish private non-Jewish private

High School: _____ public Jewish private non-Jewish private

Languages Spoken: _____

Jewish Education

Religious/Hebrew/Day schools, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, Other

Dates from-to
(mo./yr.)

What was your favorite aspect of your Jewish education?

Jewish Experiential Education (please list any experience you have had as a camper or a youth group member)

Institution name/location

Dates from-to
(mo./yr.)

Current Extracurricular Activities

Please name the extracurricular activities that you are **currently** involved with and/or plan to continue in 10th or 11th grades. *Not including community service or volunteer organizations – please list in separate section.*

Clubs: _____

Sports: _____

Hobbies: _____

Other: _____

Additional Education Information

Honors and Awards:

Leadership Experiences

Please list all leadership experiences you have held as a camp counselor, teacher, youth group board member, etc. in your communities.

• **Position:** _____ Dates: from _____ to _____

Position responsibilities: _____

Organization: _____ Location: _____

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Position responsibilities: _____

Organization: _____ Location: _____

Do you plan to pursue any leadership positions in your Junior year? yes no maybe

Please explain: _____

Volunteer & Community Service Experiences

Please list previous (in the last 2 years) and ongoing volunteer and community service experiences.

• **Activity:** _____

Organization (if applicable): _____ Dates: _____

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• **Activity:** _____

Organization (if applicable): _____ Dates: _____

Other:

Previous Travel Experiences

United States/Canada: _____

Israel (please list type of program, sponsoring organization, length of time and dates attended):

Abroad (other than Israel) _____

Getting to Know You

Please type and attach an additional paper, no more than one double spaced page per short essay.

1. Tell us about one of your personal heroes and how this person impacted your life.
2. If you had one million dollars to serve your community, how would you decide what to do with the money and what would you do?

Please take a few minutes to complete each of the statements below

- a) I would describe myself as _____
- b) People think that I am _____
- c) I am pushed to my limits when _____
- d) I am committed to the cause of _____
- e) I admire _____ because _____
- f) Before I am 75, I would like to _____

Photo: Please also enclose a photo of yourself that shows us something about who you are, including a caption of what you are doing. If this photo does not clearly show your face, please also include a more standard picture.

Scheduling Conflicts

What ongoing prior time commitments do you have that could potentially conflict? (We meet eight times on Sunday afternoons and usually hold one retreat in the fall and two in the spring. We travel to Israel in December and our *Mifgash* (including home hospitality) is before Passover.)

We do our best to schedule around events in your life, please list any major events and their dates that are already in your schedule (SATs, family events, youth group retreats, etc.)

Program Rigor

The Diller Teen Fellows program is both physically and mentally rigorous. Fellows are expected to step out of their comfort zone in an effort to grow and learn about themselves and the world around them. Certain aspects of the program require significant physical exertion and intentionally mentally/emotionally challenging situations.

Please answer the enclosed medical questionnaire to help staff accommodate and be aware of your needs.

Recommendation Letters

In addition to your application, please send two letters of recommendation. Recommendation letters should come from an adult who can attest to your character and leadership skills. Letters from relatives and/or personal friends are not accepted. Recommenders must complete a separate form (forms are enclosed in this packet) and mail or email it to the JCC. References may also be sent electronically, to teens@jccgb.org.

NOTE: You do not need to wait for your reference letters to mail in your application. You may send them separately.

Please list the adults who you have asked to write a reference letter and have agreed to do so:

Name	Daytime Phone	Relationship to Applicant

Applicant's Statement of Accuracy

I attest that all statements and details in this application are accurate and truthful.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Parent/Guardian Permission

I, _____, give permission for
(Name of parent or legal guardian)

my child, _____, to apply for the 2010-2011

Diller Teen Fellows- a unique Jewish leadership, community service, and Israel education program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Additional Questions? Please contact us at teens@jccgb.org or 617-558-6512

The JCC Diller Teen Fellows is a program of the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston. The Fellowship is generously funded by the Helen Diller Family Foundation, Frieze Family Foundation, Combined Jewish Philanthropies' Boston-Haifa Connection, and generous contributions from individuals in the community. Each fellow receives a \$7,000 subsidy, resulting in a cost of only \$2,500 to the participant. Financial aid is available.

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ALLERGIES

Medication Allergies	Describe reaction and management of the reaction
Food Allergies	
Other Allergies	(include insect stings, hay fever, asthma, poison ivy, animal dander, etc)

MEDICATIONS BEING TAKEN

Please list ALL medication (including over-the-counter or non-prescription drugs) taken routinely.

_____ This person takes NO medication on a routine basis

This person takes medication as follows:

Medication	Dosage	Specific Times Taken	Reason for Taking

Identify any medication taken during the school year that the participant does/may not take during vacations or trips:

HEALTH HISTORY

Indicate where applicable – please describe and give dates

	No	Yes – Please describe and give dates
Asthma		
Back problems		
Bed wetting		
Chronic and reoccurring illness / condition		
Diarrhea/ constipation		
Diabetes		
Eating Disorder		
Emotional difficulties for which professional help was sought		
Epilepsy		
Extended hospitalization		
Fainting		

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Frequent ear infections		
Glasses, contacts or protective eyewear		
Head injury		
Heart murmur		
High blood pressure		
If female, abnormal menstrual history		
Kidney trouble		
Mononucleosis in the past 12 months		
Orthodontic appliance		
Orthopedic appliance		
Passed out during or after exercise		
Problems with joints (e.g. knees or ankles)		
Recent illness or infectious disease		
Recent injury		
Skin problems (e.g. itching or rash, acne)		
Sleepwalking		
Surgery		
Thyroid disorder		
OTHER		

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Name of Applicant (Please Print)

About the Program:

The individual named above is applying to the JCC Diller Teen Fellows program. The program is a unique Jewish leadership program for 20 outstanding 10th and 11th graders, empowering teens to create a vision for the future through understanding and applying Jewish values. Selected teens will meet and work together during monthly Sunday workshops, three weekend retreats (*Shabbatonim*), a *Mifgash* (encounter) with a Israeli peers, and a dynamic 2 week winter seminar in Israel. The program concludes with community service projects designed and individually implemented by the teens so that the teens continue their community involvement well beyond the scope of the fellowship year.

This reference should be returned to:

The Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston Attn: Diller Teen Fellows
333 Nahanton Street, Newton, MA 02459

OR – via email: teens@jccgb.org

For more information, please call Tamar Cytryn (617) 558-6512 or email teens@jccgb.org

Referee Name

Phone Number

Title

Email

Using the space provided, or on a separate sheet of paper, please answer the questions below:

It is important to us that you describe the applicant as specifically and objectively as possible. Please tell us of a candidate's strengths as well as weaknesses. All information will be kept confidential and no candidate will be eliminated on the basis of one evaluation. *Please print, type, or email!*

1. In what capacity, through what organization(s), and for how long, and in what relationship have you known the applicant?

2. While there is no single model of an exemplary Diller Teen Fellows applicant, there are certain criteria, which make for a successful participant. The goals of the program depend on a participant's ability to:

- adjust to new environments and people
- work and live cooperatively in an intensive group setting
- maintain a sense of initiative and independence through positive energy and strength of character
- creatively mobilize his/her peers to take active roles in their future as Jews

