

Teen Innovation Awards FAQs:

- What is the maximum amount I can apply for?
 - \$1500
- How old do I have to be to qualify?
 - Applicants must be between the ages of 13 and 18.
- Do I have to be Jewish to apply?
 - Yes, applicant must identify as Jewish.
 - If applying as a group or team, at least one member must identify as Jewish. This member should be the primary applicant, and his/her name should be on the application.
- When is the application due?
 - The application deadline is Friday, October 28, 2016 at 3:00pm.
- When can I use the award money?
 - Prize must be used between February and August 2017.
- How do I receive the award money?
 - Award money will be sent to recipients in checks.
 - All recipients must provide Jewish Federation with a W-9.
 - All recipients must have or open a bank account in their name.
 - Award money will be sent to recipients in increments, depending on how much has been awarded.
- What can I use the award money for?
 - Prizes can be used in order to start or enhance your project, program or event.
 - Examples:
 - Equipment for project
 - Marketing materials for project/event
 - Supplies for project or event
 - Transportation for event
- What am I NOT allowed to use award money for?
 - Any item, venue, cost unrelated to your project
 - Paying yourself for your time spent working on the project
- Do I have to use the money for something Jewish?

- No, the event does not have to be centered around Judaism (i.e. Jewish holidays), but Jewish values must be present within it. If you are unsure about the Jewish value component, LAJTI will provide guidance. Some examples of Jewish values include: giving back, education, community and leadership.
- What do I need to commit to if I receive an award?
 - Attend orientation on January 29, 2017
 - Meet and communicate monthly with your assigned mentor
 - Provide Jewish Federation with complete budget worksheet outlining what award money will specifically be used for
 - Provide Jewish Federation all receipts for any and all purchases made with the award money
 - Attend Teen Innovation Awards Showcase in April 2017
- What happens if I don't use all the money awarded to me?
 - All unused award money must be returned to BBYO (the organization that will administer payments to recipients) by August 2017