

Jerusalem Center Financial Aid

All students are invited to apply for Jerusalem Center Financial Aid, which is separate from what they may receive from the government or from the university.

► The Concept of Replenishment

Since the first program in 1968, the Jerusalem Study Abroad programs have offered thousands of students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the cultures of the Holy Land and the study of the Savior and His prophets. Each of these students has benefited from the unselfish support of the Church and private individuals. Each of these students has been touched by the generosity of others. Likewise, through the Jerusalem Center Replenishment Fund, each of these students has the opportunity to continue the tradition of helping those who will follow.

The concept of replenishment is inspired by the Perpetual Emigration Fund, a gospel-based plan to bring the Saints to the Rocky Mountains. In the 1850's, many new European converts did not have financial means to obey the commandment to gather as Saints. The fund enabled tens of thousands of members to do so by providing transportation from Europe to America. In turn, they were asked to repay the funds so that other Saints could follow.

Using this model, the Jerusalem Center Replenishment Fund considers not only need in its applicants but also a moral commitment to repay the amount of the award, so that future students can receive similar financial assistance.

We realize that the ability to make such contributions in the future will vary with individual circumstances; therefore, there is no binding legal obligation to contribute. However, we urge you to elect to participate in this replenishment program in recognition of the sacrifices of those who preceded you and in gratitude for the financial assistance you receive to attend the Jerusalem Center program. The Jerusalem Center has been fortunate to assist so many students thus far; however, such assistance can only be maintained by continual replenishment by new students.

► General Information

The Jerusalem Center awards both scholarships and grants. Students may be eligible to receive both a scholarship and a grant; however, no student will receive more than 50% of the Jerusalem Center program cost through BYU funding (Jerusalem Center scholarships and grants, BYU scholarships, employee benefits, etc.). Government aid (Pell grants, Stafford loans, etc.) is not included in the 50%. Award notification will be sent to students approximately four to six weeks after the financial aid deadline.

For semester programs at the BYU Jerusalem Center, the average scholarship award is \$600, and the average grant award is \$1,300. Please keep in mind that these figures are only averages. Students may be eligible for more or less assistance depending on individual financial need, the number of other students who apply, and the available funds.

If students decide to meet parents in the Holy Land, or travel to other locations immediately following a Jerusalem Center program, they are **not** eligible for Jerusalem Center financial aid. Donors have stipulated that if students have extra funds to travel, their funds should be given to others more in need. If funds have been awarded and a student subsequently decides to travel on the way home, the scholarship or grant award must be returned and paid for prior to any travel.

Financial aid application deadlines vary depending on individual program dates. Please refer to individual program information under Dates and Deadlines for this information. **All required materials must be received by the financial aid deadline in order to be considered.**

► Jerusalem Center Scholarships

Scholarships are based on academic performance. To be competitive, you must have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA, and have completed at least 24 semester hours/32 quarter hours of enrollment. Credit earned through AP or CLEP does not count in this total. **To apply for a scholarship, you must do the following:**

- 1) Complete the enclosed application form and submit it to the Jerusalem Center Office.
- 2) Have a **current** transcript on file with BYU Records Office or at the Jerusalem Center Office.

Students not at BYU-Provo are required to submit a transcript at the time of application to the program; however, if your standing at your university changes, you must submit a new transcript before the financial aid deadline. BYU students are not required to submit a transcript since we can access those grades via the university system.

► Jerusalem Center Grants

Grants are based on financial need. Students who are not eligible for Federal Aid may still qualify for a Jerusalem Center grant. **To apply for a grant, you must do the following:**

- 1) Complete the enclosed Jerusalem Center application form and submit it to the Jerusalem Center office.
- 2) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is available at any college or university Financial Aid Office or online: www.fafsa.ed.gov. (Note: Jerusalem Center awards are provided via private, donated funds, not government funds. We use the Federal application only because it provides us with the information we need to determine financial need.) Where you submit the FAFSA depends on the following:

If you are a current BYU-Provo student and also plan to apply for Federal Aid (Pell grants, Stafford loans, etc.), you will need to send your FAFSA to the government for processing. Be sure to complete Section H, Information Release, and indicate Brigham Young University as one of the colleges you plan to attend. (The institution code for BYU is 003670.) The FAFSA must be processed and returned to BYU-Provo by the financial aid deadline for your program. **This process can take considerable time, so please plan accordingly!**

If you are a current BYU-Provo student and have already processed the FAFSA for the same school year, your financial aid information should already be on file with the BYU Financial Aid Office. (Please check with that office to make sure.) If this is the case, you do not need to complete the FAFSA a second time; we have access to the information.

If you are NOT a current BYU-Provo student and do not plan to apply for Federal Aid, you must still process a FAFSA report through the appropriate channels or request that a copy of your current report be sent to BYU-Provo (institution code: 003670). We cannot accept a copy of the FAFSA or SAR report as an attachment to the application. Do not send FAFSA worksheets.

► Other Financial Aid

BYU students should contact the BYU Financial Aid Office for information on applying for university scholarships or for government grants and loans. BYU scholarships and faculty dependent tuition benefits may be used for a Jerusalem Center program, and if awarded, can be deducted from the final payment. It is the student's responsibility to communicate the amount of these awards to the Jerusalem Center Office prior to the final payment deadline.

BYU-I and BYU-H students who received university scholarships and/or government funding cannot typically use these funds on a BYU-Provo program. These students should contact their individual financial aid advisors for more information.

Since Pell grant and student loan funds are not typically available until just prior to departure, it is the student's responsibility to communicate the amount of these awards to the Jerusalem Center Office prior to the final payment deadline. These funds can then be deducted from the final payment.

Jerusalem Center Financial Aid Application

(Please type or print legibly in ink)

Name: _____ Student ID# _____

Program: Fall Winter Spring/Summer

Applying for: Scholarship Grant (FAFSA required) Both Major _____

Provide the following information regarding financial need and resources available to meet the expenses of your education and the Jerusalem Center program. If exact figures not available, provide estimated amounts.

Do you currently receive (or expect to receive) any scholarships? Yes No

If yes, how much per semester/term? _____

Do you currently receive any BYU tuition benefits (ie: faculty dependent, etc.)? Yes No

If yes, what type and how much per semester? _____

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, how many hours do you work each week? _____

Total gross monthly income from work _____

Do you have a car? Yes No

If yes, please provide the type, year, and make _____

Car was gift to me: Yes No

Purchasing car myself: Yes No

Monthly payment _____ Balance due _____

Do your parents currently provide you any type of financial support? Yes No

If yes, how much per month? _____

Do your parents plan to fund part of your Jerusalem Center expenses? Yes No

If yes, how much? _____

If you are applying for a **grant**, your FAFSA must be available for review. Please check one of the following regarding your FAFSA:

Already on file at BYU-Provo Financial Aid Office (for the same academic year)

Currently being processed (must be available by the financial aid deadline)

A copy of my current report will be forwarded from the Federal Government to BYU-Provo.

Use the space below to describe any other financial resources available to you and/or to explain any extenuating circumstances which affect your financial situation. (If necessary, you may attach a second sheet.)

By signing this application, I declare the information on this form to be true and complete, and I authorize disclosure of necessary transcripts to authorized personnel for the purpose of determining my eligibility for financial aid. While recognizing that I am not legally obligated to do so and that my ability to contribute will depend on the circumstances of my life, I acknowledge as a future goal my responsibility to replenish the fund by making a contribution in an amount equal to or greater than the amount I have received if I am able to do so. I understand that the amount of scholarship and/or grant which may be awarded is to be held confidential and that disclosure by myself or family members to others will necessitate returning the award to the BYU Jerusalem Center. I understand that students who have the extra funds for extended travel to Europe or to other locations immediately following this program are not eligible to receive award and will be required to refund the scholarship and/or grant.

Signed _____

Date _____