

Welcome to the JCC Early Learning Centers



JCC Greater Boston

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) 2018-19

TAP provides modest financial assistance to families who meet income guidelines. Each year, the actual number of awards and the total amount given varies based on available funds, overall enrolment and the level of participant need.

How to apply

Once you are enrolled in our Early Learning Center, you may submit a TAP application.

| Applications accepted | Deadline | Notification |
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| Beginning March 1, 2018 | March 26, 2018 | May 4, 2018 |
| <i>Please note: No new applications are processed from April 2-May 18</i> | | |
| Additional applications accepted | On a rolling basis | Within two weeks of receiving completed application. |

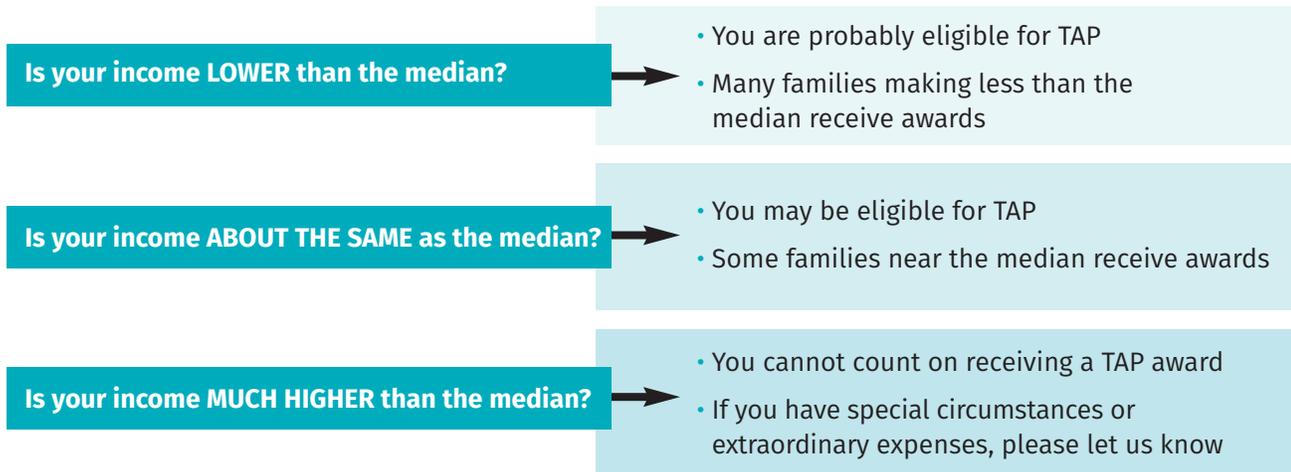
Eligibility considerations

Step 1. Find your own family size on the chart below.

These are the median incomes for Massachusetts. We use these as a base to determine TAP eligibility.
(Source of chart: mass.gov November 2017)

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| Family of 2 | \$74,930 |
| Family of 3..... | \$92,560 |
| Family of 4 | \$110,191 |
| Family of 5..... | \$127,822 |
| Family of 6..... | \$145,452 |

Step 2. Compare your own family income from all sources to the income chart shown in Step 1.



Awards are based on financial need, but families are always expected to pay the majority of tuition costs. A good rule of thumb is to make sure you could afford 85%-90% of the tuition.

For questions: please direct inquires to TAP@jccgb.org

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What materials do you require, in addition to the TAP application?

For income verification, you must provide a copy of your 2016 or 2017 tax return with your application. If applicable, proof of current participation in an income eligible state or federal sponsored program replaces the need for income verification.

If you are arriving from abroad for temporary employment or a fellowship, you must submit a letter from your new employer stating your income.

I need a great deal of financial help. What should I do?

If you cannot envision yourself paying at least 85%-90% or more of tuition, you may have a difficult time paying for tuition at the JCC. You might consider a reduced schedule. For additional resources, please visit mass.gov and/or Combined Jewish Philanthropies, cjp.org/our-work/caring-social-justice/our-caring-programs

How does TAP get applied?

Tuition assistance applies to your contracted tuition at the JCC Early Learning Centers.

ELC tuition assistance can be applied to ELC summer program, only if you are also enrolled for the school year.

I am recently unemployed – which income figure will you use?

Please indicate your newly unemployed status clearly (including the duration of your unemployment) on the application and we will take this into account.

Can I get my deposit back if I don't get enough tuition assistance?

The deposit is not refundable.

My income is high, but I also have a lot of expenses. How does this factor in to the decision?

Because every family makes choices about how to manage expenses such as housing, cars, vacations, education, personal debt, home renovations, and leisure activities, we do not take these things into account. However, if you have an unusual circumstance (medical, unemployment, special education, elder care, foreclosure or adoption expense, etc.) that you would like us to consider, please let us know on your application.

Do I get the same amount every year my child(ren) is enrolled at the JCC?

If your family income is similar, we try to keep the award percentage as level as possible pending JCC budget availability. Please note that tuition generally rises over time. Even if you receive the same tuition assistance percentage, your child care expenses are likely to increase.

How are decisions made in years where demand exceeds available funds?

We aim to provide award assistance to families at or below the Massachusetts median income.

Who is funding the JCC Tuition Assistance Program?

The JCC is committed to affordability and TAP is funded solely through tuition income.

Open to All

2018-2019 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Application



Application deadline March 26, 2018 • Notification by early May
 Applications received on or after May 18 are considered on a rolling basis
 and are subject to available funds.

Please indicate your center and schedule:

Brookline Hingham Newton/Godine Sharon/Gilson

First time applying for TAP? Yes No

Family Information:

Total number of people in your household (including adults and children): # _____

Parent/Guardian 1 (preferred contact):

Name _____ (last) _____ (first)

Email _____ Preferred phone () _____

Occupation _____ Full Part-time

Parent/Guardian 2 (if living in same household):

Name _____ (last) _____ (first)

Email _____ Preferred phone () _____

Occupation _____ Full Part-time

Children attending JCC Early Learning Centers:

Estimated Tuition (required)

| Child name | DOB | Estimated Tuition |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Child 1 name _____ (last) _____ (first) | DOB / / (month/day/year) | \$ _____ |
| Child 2 name _____ (last) _____ (first) | DOB / / (month/day/year) | \$ _____ |
| Child 3 name _____ (last) _____ (first) | DOB / / (month/day/year) | \$ _____ |

Annual Income

Documentation: A copy of 2016 or 2017 Federal Tax Return is required for income verification. If you are arriving from abroad, please provide an employer letter stating your income.

Adjusted Gross Income (typically line 37 on 1040 or line 21 on 1040A)..... \$ _____

Other income (e.g. child support or financial support from non-custodial parent) \$ _____ per year

Other income (e.g. support from family, income from abroad, rental property, etc.) \$ _____ per year

Is anyone else paying tuition for this child(ren)..... yes no

If yes, please indicate the amount: \$ _____

Income-eligible public assistance (e.g. SNAP, housing etc.)..... yes no

TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME from all sources..... \$ _____

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 Date received

Optional Additional Information

Eligibility for Tuition Assistance is determined **primarily by family income and size**. If you have unusual circumstances or expenses that you would like us to factor into an eligibility decision, please provide further explanation.

These might include medical, special education, disability, elder care, child support, adoption expenses, or expenses associated with foreclosure or bankruptcy.

Please provide documentation to support each expense. Use additional sheet if necessary.

Please read the paragraph below carefully before signing.

I, the undersigned, understand that the information I provide must be accurate and verifiable. I agree to provide any additional information that the JCC reasonably requests, and to allow the JCC to make such reasonable inquiries as it deems necessary in this regard, including without limitation, to banking institutions and credit reporting agencies. I understand that if any of the foregoing information is inaccurate, the JCC may take appropriate action in its sole discretion, including without limitation, the withdrawal of any scholarship assistance, and the suspension or revocation of my membership.

Signature

Date

This application will not be considered without proper documentation.

Please be certain that all questions are answered, if a question does not apply, mark N/A.

Requested information is strictly confidential.

Please return application and income verification to:

JCC Greater Boston
Attention: Deborah Gordon
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Newton, MA 02459
tap@jccgb.org