

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND-USA HIGH SCHOOL SUMMIT

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is Invited to Attend JNF-USA's High School Summit?

High School Summit is for 10th – 12th grade high school students as of November 2022 who are interested in learning more about Jewish National Fund-USA, celebrating the 50th birthday of Alexander Muss High School in Israel, and alumni who want to catch up with their classmates. Parents are invited to the conference as well to enjoy National Conference while their teen participates in High School Summit.

How Much Does It Cost?

The special student rate is \$100, which includes: lodging at the Omni Seaport Hotel, hotel transfer, all meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, and conference activities. Payment is due at the time of registration. Registration is 100% refundable up to September 4th, 50% refundable up to October 4th, and non-refundable after October 4th.

Can I Get Reimbursed for Travel?

Set travel subsidies are available and vary depending on the distance you travel to get to Summit. You will be reimbursed up to \$400 if original departure is west of Chicago, and up to \$200 for travel originating east of Chicago. You make your own travel arrangements, and we will provide a reimbursement form in October. Travel subsidies are not available for Boston-area teens.

What is JNF-USA's Covid Vaccine Policy?

JNF-USA follows the vaccine policy of the city and state in which our event will take place. At this time, there is no vaccine mandate.

How Do I Register for High School Summit?

Registration is open at jnf.org/highschoolsummit. We will send you accompanying forms to complete (medical/allergy info, etc.) as we get closer to Summit.

What are the Arrival and Departure Windows for Air Travel?

Please arrive at Logan Airport between 8:00am and 12:00pm ET on November 4th. Flights from Logan Airport on November 6th should depart between 4:00pm and 6:00pm ET.

What if I Need to Arrive Early (Thursday Night)?

If needed, we can accommodate Thursday late afternoon or evening arrivals for those travelling from the West Coast, but programming does not start until Friday. Please reach out to us to arrange.

How Will I Get to and from the Airport?

Teens arriving by air will be met by JNF-USA staff at the airport and shuttled to the hotel, where they will be checked in and assisted with conference registration and schedule. Teens leaving by air will be shuttled to the airport and brought to security by JNF-USA staff at the conclusion of the conference. Please note that shuttle transportation will not be arranged for local teens or for teens arriving/departing outside of the designated time windows.

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What is the Procedure for On-site Check-In/Check-Out?

On-site registration will take place at the Omni Seaport Hotel beginning at 9:00am on Friday, November 4th. We recommend registering no later than 1:00pm. You will pick up your credentials and conference materials at the registration desk, then proceed with your luggage to the check-in desk of the hotel. Our program begins at 2:00pm on Friday, November 4th and concludes at 2:00pm on Sunday, November 6th. Teens must be checked out of their room by hotel check-out time on Sunday, with keys returned to the hotel desk, and luggage will be stored by the hotel until end of Summit. JNF-USA is not responsible for your accommodation or meals after the conclusion of the program.

What Programming Occurs During High School Summit?

Teens will join the JNF-USA National Conference plenaries, appropriate general break-out sessions, and special sessions just for students. There will be age-appropriate social activities at night.

Can you Explain the Accommodations and Food?

Teens attending High School Summit and staying at the Omni Seaport hotel will be housed four to a room. Beds will not be shared. Food is kosher and will be served at the hotel.

How do you Handle Food Allergies?

We will do our very best to accommodate food allergies, within the abilities of the hotel catering services. It is imperative that we are informed of allergies at the time of registration, as the hotel will not be able to accommodate special orders during conference. Please make sure to note allergies on the medical forms prior to conference so that we can make arrangements.

Can I Request a Roommate?

Teens can request up to three roommates. Requests must be mutual and will be granted when possible; co-ed rooming is not allowed. While we do not allow room changes, any serious rooming issues should be brought to a JNF-USA staff member's attention.

What Type/Amount of Supervision will JNF-USA Provide for the High School Students?

JNF-USA staff will be on hand to help guide the teens to their appropriate programs and activities. Students will not be allowed to leave the hotel unless accompanied by a JNF-USA staff professional or identified chaperone. Teens and parents are expected to read, sign, and abide by a code of conduct form which will be provided prior to the Summit. Violation of the code of conduct may result in dismissal from Summit.

How Will Shabbat be Observed?

We are aware that Summit participants will have varying traditions and practices and will come from many different backgrounds and perspectives. We expect participants to respect each other's level of observance. We will have Friday night services, Shabbat dinner, oneg, and Shabbat learning sessions on Saturday, as well as Havdalah on Saturday night. All Saturday programming will be Shabbat-friendly.

How is Medicine Distributed at Summit? And What Happens if I Get Sick?

Teens will be responsible for their own medication. Please bring over-the-counter medicines such as Tylenol or Advil if you feel you might need them. A JNF-USA staff member will be available to help if a teen gets sick and will accompany the teen to an urgent care clinic or pharmacy if needed. Parents will be notified immediately if a teen has a health concern.

What is the Recommended Attire for High School Summit?

As part of JNF-USA's National Conference, High School Summit 2022 is a professional gathering. We expect teens to be dressed in business casual attire for most of the programming. Saturday afternoon we anticipate a casual program, and Saturday evening will be a party atmosphere.



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