

THE BRONFMAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS IN ISRAEL

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Part I

APPLICANT'S FULL NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ / _____ / _____
mo day yr

Must be entering the twelfth grade
of school in the Fall of 2017 and
be born before July 1, 2001.

Male ___ Female ___ Other ___

ADDRESS _____

Street, Apt #, P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

Country (if other than the United States)

EMAIL ADDRESS of applicant _____

PHONE (____) _____ BEST TIMES TO CALL _____

PARENT 1/ GUARDIAN _____ PARENT 1/ GUARDIAN EMAIL _____

PARENT 2/ GUARDIAN _____ PARENT 2/ GUARDIAN EMAIL _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

Please indicate if your school is:

Public (Pub)	
Private/Not Jewishly affiliated (PR)	
Private/Jewishly affiliated (PRJ)	

Please list the First Name, Last Name and Email addresses of your two recommenders. We have found the best recommendations are written by people who personally know the applicant well. It is not necessary for the recommender to focus on your Jewish story.

Recommender 1- _____ EMAIL: _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	<input type="checkbox"/>
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
TEACHER	<input type="checkbox"/>

Recommender 2- _____ EMAIL: _____

EMPLOYER	<input type="checkbox"/>
A LEADER OF AN ORGANIZATION IN WHICH THE APPLICANT IS ACTIVE	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANYONE WHO KNOWS APPLICANT WELL (EXCEPT A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY)	<input type="checkbox"/>
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	<input type="checkbox"/>
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
TEACHER	<input type="checkbox"/>

BRONFMAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

_____ *Full Name*

LIST THE CLASSES IN WHICH YOU ARE ENROLLED DURING THE FALL OF 2016.

CURRENT NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES (IN SCHOOL AND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL INCLUDING SERIOUS HOBBIES)

List up to 5 activities/hobbies. For each, explain your role, responsibilities and why the activity is important to you. (Please limit to 200 words total).

LIST TWO BOOKS AND ANOTHER GREAT WORK THAT HAVE MADE AN IMPACT ON YOU.

For each piece chosen, please describe its impact. In the past, applicants have chosen films, poems, visual art, famous sites, and more. (Please limit to 250 words total).

Part II

In 300 words or less, *describe your relationship to being Jewish.*

Please keep in mind that BYFI is looking for a diverse group of Fellows, including both those who are not and those who are active in or affiliated with the Jewish community.

In 150 words or less, *please tell us how you have spent the last two summers. We'd like to hear about any and all activities whether a job, program you participated in or a family vacation.*

In 150 words or less, *what do you wish you were better at being or doing?*

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In 350 words or less, please complete the following essay, Describe a challenge or conflict you faced and how it influenced you.

PART III. The following set of questions provides information that informs our understanding of diversity of our applicants.

Are you a member of any Jewish youth movement? Name _____

Have you ever attended a Jewish summer camp? Name _____

For how many years did you attend camp? _____

What year was your last summer at camp? _____

Have you had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah? Yes___ No___

Have you been to Israel before? ___Yes ___No

If yes, how many times ___ For what purpose? When, and for how long?

Please indicate if you have participated in any of these Jewish enrichment programs or ones similar. Note that previous participation is not a prerequisite for BYFI:

___ BIMA at Brandeis

___ Diller Teens

___ Etgar 36

___ Genesis at Brandeis

___ Great Jewish Books at the Yiddish Book Center

___ Jewish Student Connection

___ Jewish Teen Philanthropy

___ Maccabiah

___ Mach Hach

___ March of the Living

___ Moot Beit Din

___ Panim

___ Passport BBYO

___ The Szarvas Fellowships

___ Seeds of Peace

___ USY on Wheels

___ Write on for Israel

___ Other _____

Which of the following best describes your affiliation or that of your family.

Are you:

___ Chabad

___ Reconstructionist

___ Conservative

___ Reform

___ Just Jewish

___ Secularly/Culturally Jewish

___ Liberal Orthodox

___ Traditional Egalitarian

___ Modern Orthodox

___ Elaborate if necessary

___ Ultra Orthodox

Were you or your parents born in another country? If so, list here _____

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NOTE: There are many wonderful Jewish programs that work with teens and college students. Programs contact us each year (mostly pay-as-you-go programs) to connect with people who have applied for The Bronfman Youth Fellowships and who might be interested in their programs. Some of these programs also offer discounts for applicants to The Bronfman Youth Fellowships. The Bronfman Fellowships do not receive any compensation from these programs. Please indicate here if you give us permission to share your contact information with these Jewish summer programs and opportunities.

I am interested in hearing about other Jewish programs.

Reminder:

Two letters of recommendation and your high school transcript* (through grade 10 only) are submitted along with your application which are due January 4, 2017.

Finalists will be notified the middle of February 2017. Interviews for finalists will take place the middle of March. If you have any questions, please call the BYFI administrative office at 518 475 7212.

**We request academic transcripts to learn about an applicant's academic pursuits and course load, however, we believe grades and GPA are subjective and do not reflect a candidate's sophistication of thought, character, or the ability to contribute to and benefit from the Fellowship. Far more important (and interesting) are the personal essay sections and letters of recommendation, which offer a platform for applicants to tell their stories, express their unique interests, and describe their relationship to community.*