



MERRIN CENTER for Teen Engagement

Application Form – Merrin Fellowship Cohort XI

Please use this form to apply for participation in the Merrin Teen Professional Fellowship program. **On the last page of this document, you will find a checklist of what forms/documents should be included in a complete application.** Any applications missing components of the application may not be considered for the fellowship.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for acceptance into the fellowship. You must:

- Be employed by a JCC Association-affiliated JCC or camp for at least one year prior to your selection for the Fellowship.
- Hold a substantive role within the agency working with and/or supervising teens.
- Have a supervisor in the agency that will agree to support and be engaged in your Fellowship experience.
- Understand that you will be expected to complete all program requirements (inclusive of in-person retreats scheduled over 16-18 month period, homework assignments, web-based learning, and intermittent cohort calls via Zoom).

Applications and all additional materials are due no later than May 15, 2019

Please type your responses. When you have finished typing, please print this form out, sign in the designated area(s) and scan back to Yael Warach, Professional Development Manager, JCC Association, at y.warach@jcca.org. This form should be accompanied by the additional items listed on the last page of this document.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Applicant Name:

JCC/Camp Name:

Address (list off-season if camp staff):

Work Tel.:

Cell:

Work E-mail:

Current Title:

Employed at this agency in this current position for: _____ year(s) + _____ months

Employed at this agency for a total of: _____ year(s) + _____ months



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EDUCATION:

College Attended:

- Grad. Yr.:
- Degree:
- Major(s):

Any additional higher education:

- Program:
- Grad. Yr.:
- Degree:
- Major(s):

Please describe any Jewish education you have (formal and/or informal):

Please list prior fellowships, awards, seminars, etc. in/with which you have been involved:



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SUPERVISOR INFORMATION:

Current Supervisor Name:

Title:

Work Tel.:

Work E-mail:

AGENCY EXECUTIVE INFORMATION:

Agency Executive (Exec. Dir., CEO, Pres.) Name:

Title:

Work Tel.:

Work E-mail:

Please continue to the next section.



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Merrin Fellowship – Application Essays

Please complete the following essays in 500 words or fewer.

1. Please share your reasons for submitting an application for the Merrin Fellowship – what is your motivation, what are you hoping to gain from the experience, and what are the pieces of the program that appeal to you the most?



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2. Describe the path to your current position – was this part of a long-term strategy, did you just ‘end up here,’ is this a step in your greater career goals, how did it all happen?



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3. Of all the skills needed to be successful in your current role, what are two skills you do well and which two would you like to improve upon?



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4. How do you see yourself as a Jewish communal leader?



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5. Please share how you would improve the teen experience at your JCC/Camp/Agency.



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6. Please share any outstanding questions that you would like to add to our discussions during your interview.



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Your answers to the following will not affect your acceptance to the Merrin Teen Professional Fellowship

In one-two sentences please describe your comfort/knowledge in the following areas:

Jewish Ritual and Holidays

Hebrew

Jewish Texts

Jewish History/ Culture

Israel

In what area of Jewish Life you are interested in expanding your knowledge base?



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APPLICATION SUMMARY:

All completed applications must include:

- 1 completed Application Form (this document) – including all general information, essays, and short answer questions
- 1 letter of reference from Direct Supervisor
- 1 letter of reference from Executive Director/CEO
- 1 résumé from Applicant

All applications are due (in full) by May 15, 2019.

Please print, sign, and date the below areas, as indicated.

Applicant Name	Signature	____/____/____ Date
Supervisor	Signature	____/____/____ Date
Executive Director	Signature	____/____/____ Date

Please send all completed application materials via email to:

Yael Warach, Professional Development Manager, JCC Association of North America: y.warach@jcca.org

Application review and interviews will take place from May 16th – July, 2019. **Fellows will be notified of acceptance by July 1st, 2019.**