



Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Awards FAQs:

Application Process

- When is the deadline to apply?
 - Fully completed application must be submitted by Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

- How old do I have to be to apply?
 - Applicants must be between the ages of 13 and 18 and have not yet graduated high school.

- Do I have to be Jewish to apply?
 - Yes, applicant must identify as Jewish.
 - If applying as a group or team, at least one member must identify as Jewish. This member should be the primary applicant.

- What is the maximum amount I can apply for?
 - \$1,500.

- How Jewish does the project need to be?
 - The Jewish community is as diverse and exciting as the individuals within it. We expect a project that somehow expresses something essential to who you are as a Jewish teen, which in turn contributes to the Jewish community.

- What is crowd-sourcing and how will it be used?
 - Gathering opinions online from a large pool of people.
 - Following the initial screening, we will open the eligible projects up to crowd-source voting where you will have the opportunity to share your project with your peers and social networks. The voter response is one criterion that will be considered in the selection of winners.

- What are the criteria that will be considered in the TIA selection?
 - Innovation and creativity,
 - Potential for impact,
 - Diversity of themes or ideas,
 - Potential of success,

- Geographic diversity, and
- Response from the crowd-source voting.

Awards

- How do I receive the prize money?
 - Prize money will be distributed in two separate checks, the first given at the TIA orientation on January 7, 2018 and the second in April 2018 after an itemized budget is submitted.
 - All recipients must provide The Jewish Federation with a W-9, which can be found [HERE](#)
 - All recipients must have an existing bank account in their name or must open one.
- When can I use the award money?
 - Awards must be used between January and August 2018.
- What can I use the award money for?
 - Awards can be used in order to start or enhance your project, program, or event.
 - Examples include:
 - Rental space for a project,
 - Materials for projects,
 - Guest speakers, or
 - Promotional materials.
- What am I NOT allowed to use award money for?
 - Any item, venue, or cost unrelated to your project.
 - Paying yourself for your time spent working on the project.
- What happens if I don't use all the money awarded to me?
 - Award money must be used between January and August 2018. All unused funds must be returned to the Los Angeles Jewish Teen Initiative (LAJTI) within 2 weeks of the end of the program or by August 2018, whichever comes first.

TIA Expectations

- What are the requirements if I receive an award?
 - Attend orientation on January 7, 2018 from 12:00-3:00 PM.
 - Attend an additional training day in February/March (exact day TBD).
 - Communicate with your mentor and LAJTI monthly throughout the process.
- What else will I be asked to do if I receive this award?
 - Maintain a budget sheet tracking all the money spent, including a copy of all receipts.
 - A short selfie video briefly describing who you are and what your project is all about.

- Information from project participants including: Name, grade, and email.
- Photos from your project.
- A culmination “video story” sharing the impact the project had on you and other teens involved.

*Details will be provided on all of the above at the January 2018 orientation.

- What do I do if I have any questions?
 - If you have any questions, please contact Jordan Vaughter, Assistant Director LAJTI, at JVaughter@JewishLA.org or (323) 761-8132.

