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Dear Ramah Darom Family:

Thank you for applying for the 2017 Camp Season! Please be aware that many local communities provide scholarships for Jewish camping. We have listed a few resources below to assist you in your search for scholarship funding.

**LOCAL FEDERATIONS AND SYNAGOGUES** – Please contact your local federation and synagogue for information regarding camp scholarships and deadlines. Not all deadlines are the same and some are very early. **It is required to apply for any local communities scholarship if applying for Ramah Darom financial aid.**

**GOLDRING JEWISH SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE:** Please visit [www.jefno.org](http://www.jefno.org) or contact Ellen Abrams at 504-524-4559. Grants are based on financial need, must be a first year camper and reside in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi or Northwest Florida (Panhandle area).

**JEWISH CHILDREN'S REGIONAL SERVICE:** Camper must reside in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee or Texas. Please visit [www.jcrs.org](http://www.jcrs.org) or contact Janice Zuzalak at [janice@jcrs.org](mailto:janice@jcrs.org) or 504-828-6334 for more information.

**ONE HAPPY CAMPER GRANT** – please visit [www.onehappycamper.org](http://www.onehappycamper.org) for more information. This grant is designed for first time campers. Please visit the website for qualification information.

**PJ LIBRARY GRANT** - If camper is a member of PJ Library, please contact Mark Gold at [pjgtc@hgf.org](mailto:pjgtc@hgf.org) regarding scholarships. You may also visit [www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org) – tab Beyond Books for the PJ Goes to camp guidelines for scholarship.

This year we will be using **FACTS Grant & Aid Services** for processing Ramah Darom financial aid applications. The application will be available online on our website October 1, 2016. Any families marking their camp applications noting that you will be applying for financial aid will be notified via email when the application is available.

Please be assured this information will be held in the utmost confidence. The requirements for completing the financial aid application will include your 2014 and 2015 tax returns with supporting documentation, 2016 W2 or 1099 only – **YOU WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO HAVE YOUR 2016 TAX RETURN COMPLETE.** You will also be required to submit any nontaxable income for 2016. You may submit the application before receiving your 2016 W2 tax information. The application will be marked incomplete until your 2016 tax information is received at FACTS Grant & Aid Services.

**THE DEADLINE TO HAVE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO FACTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AID IS FEBRUARY 15, 2017. Aid applications will be processed online only.**

Please do not hesitate to call me at **404-503-2133** with any questions concerning your account, tuition payments, financial aid questions, etc. I am here to help!

With kindest regards,

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