



American Hebrew Academy Application Guidelines Tuition, Financial Aid & Scholarship Information Academic Year 2018-2019

Admission to the American Hebrew Academy is based on academic achievement and motivation, a high level of interest in Judaic studies and a commitment to Jewish life. Additionally, students who have exhibited strong character, intellectual curiosity, extra-curricular involvement, artistic and athletic ability, and strong leadership skills are excellent candidates for admission. Our evaluation committee consists of three faculty members, the Academy's Dean of Academics, and selected Admissions Department representatives.

Application Deadlines

We encourage you to schedule your visit to our campus and to submit your application as soon as possible. Decisions are made on a rolling basis, and are announced via mail approximately three weeks after a completed application and all supporting materials are received. Candidates seeking admission are strongly urged to apply no later than April 1st. Applications received after April 1st will be evaluated based on space availability. For those requesting financial assistance, please be aware that February 15th is the deadline to submit a financial assistance application. Financial assistance is limited and therefore applicants for financial assistance received after February 15th will be reviewed as funds permit.

Early Decision Program

Due to the Academy's small class size, we encourage all students to apply for admission as soon as possible. Students applying for Early Decision will receive the highest priority for admission. This is a great option for students who have decided the American Hebrew Academy is their "first choice" school.

Applications for Early Decision must be submitted by January 10th. If a family is applying for financial aid, the NAIS-SSS financial aid application, must also be submitted by January 10th. Notice of admission for early decision will be posted by January 31. **No application fee is charged for students enrolled by January 31st.**

Application Requirements

- **Interview and Tour**

A visit to our campus is the best way to learn more about the American Hebrew Academy. A personal interview via skype with the prospective student and parent(s)/guardian(s) is required. To schedule an interview and/or tour, please call (336) 217-7070 or email admissions@americanhebrewacademy.org. Toll free in the U.S. call (855) 855-4334.

- **Online Application**

The application for admission is available through our website at: AmericanHebrewAcademy.org/apply. Please read the instructions carefully to complete the application.

- **Application Fees**

The application fee of \$100 (non-refundable) may be paid online, by credit card or check.

The application fee for financial assistance is \$50. No application fees are charged if the student is enrolled by January 31st. International students must pay a separate fee to the U.S. Dept. of Immigration for student visa processing.

Application Requirements (*continued*):

- **Student Recommendations**

Student recommendation forms from the applicant's current English and mathematics teachers and Jewish community professionals are completed online. Directions can be found on our website at: AmericanHebrewAcademy.org/apply.

- **Student Records**

Complete your portion of the *Request for Release of Student Records* form electronically and/or print, sign, and submit with pre-addressed stamped envelope to the applicant's current school. Directions can be found on our website at: AmericanHebrewAcademy.org/apply.

The Admission Test

We require the results of a standardized test taken during the school year prior to entrance. The SSAT, ERB/ISEE, PSAT, SAT tests are acceptable; or for non-native English speakers, we accept most widely recognized international English proficiency examinations such as the TOEFL, SLEP, CAMBRIDGE, IELTS, iTEP, BESTEL or SLATE. The information gathered from these scores, in addition to current grades and recommendations, gives us a more complete picture of a student's strengths and weaknesses. This allows us to more accurately determine the classes that would best challenge a student and lead to success at the Academy. We recommend taking the SSAT and/or TOEFL near your home community on one of the fall national test dates. For more information about SSAT registration and preparation, visit www.SSAT.org/flex. Our SSAT recipient code is 1235 and our FLEX site number is 1235. For more information about TOEFL registration visit www.ets.org/toefl. Our TOEFL score recipient code is 8634.

Tuition

Boarding Students \$42,000

Day Students \$24,000

An international student fee of \$500 is charged for the first year of enrollment in addition to tuition. Please note that international families must pay for the student visa processing fees independently of the Academy application process. International students enrolled beyond one year are charged an international student fee of \$250 per year.

The American Hebrew Academy subsidizes the actual operating cost of an Academy education for every student. Accordingly, families are encouraged to donate to the annual campaign in an amount of no less than \$3,600 per year in addition to tuition paid. Families receiving financial assistance are expected to contribute to the annual campaign at levels they can afford. Your support of the Academy's annual campaign as well as other funding efforts is a necessity and we greatly appreciate the support of all families.

- **Children of Rabbis & Full-Time Jewish Professionals**

Boarding Students \$26,668

Day Students \$16,000

The Academy recognizes the priceless contribution to the continuity of the Jewish people by offering the children of full time Jewish professionals, educators, and Rabbis a generous 1/3 tuition scholarship. Applicants other than Rabbis must be currently employed as a full time Jewish professional.

- **Honor Society Scholarship Award Winners**

Honor Society scholarship recipients are ineligible for additional awards or scholarships offered by the Academy including the Jewish Communal Professional Scholarship.

Discounts for Families Paying Full Tuition:

- A discount of \$1,000 total per family will be given to enrolled siblings.
- If a current family referred you to the Academy, please list their name(s) on the application. They will receive a \$500 tuition reduction. If more than one family referred you, we will divide the reduction equally among the families listed. We hope that you will take advantage of this incentive by referring other families as well!
- A 3% tuition discount is provided to families paying full tuition who enroll prior to December 31st or who remit payment in full by the first day of school.

Financial Assistance and Scholarships:

- **Financial Assistance**

The American Hebrew Academy understands that not all families are able to afford the annual cost of a private school education. Financial Assistance is awarded based on demonstrated financial need, which is independently evaluated after the student has been accepted. Families applying for financial assistance must meet the minimum contribution of \$18,000 (Boarding) and \$12,000 (Day) to be considered for financial assistance. The application for financial assistance is available at <http://sssbynais.org/>. Undue financial hardship will be considered as funding allows for families unable to meet the minimum tuition threshold particularly for parents in “active service” to the U.S. armed forces.

- **Other Scholarships**

There are a limited number of merit-based scholarships available to all students. Scholarship information and the application for these scholarships is available on the website at: AmericanHebrewAcademy.org/scholarship.

Deposit and Fees

- **Deposit**

Upon admission to the Academy, parents will be required to confirm enrollment with a signed contract and 10% deposit within fifteen (15) days of receiving the enrollment contract.

- **Fees**

Field trips, extended class trips to locations such as Charleston, S.C. and Washington D.C., athletic uniforms, student medical insurance and some student activities are not included in the tuition. Families are billed for these expenses as they arise. All 11th grade students are required to participate in the ten-week study abroad program in Israel, the costs for which are determined prior to the beginning of junior year. International students enrolled in the 11th grade ESOL program are exempt but may elect to participate in the Israel program with their classmates. Other exemptions based on medical need or hardship may be granted upon request.

Technology Fee: Annual charge of \$1,200

Contact the Admissions Department:

Telephone: (336) 217-7070 toll free in U.S. (855) 855-4334

Fax: (336) 217-7011

Email: admissions@americanhebrewacademy.org

Mailing Information:

American Hebrew Academy

Attn: Admissions Department

4334 Hobbs Road

Greensboro, NC 27410

Financial Assistance:

Email: fa@americanhebrewacademy.org



AMERICAN HEBREW ACADEMY
The International Jewish College Prep Boarding School

4334 Hobbs Road
Greensboro, North Carolina 27410
(336) 217-7100
Toll Free in the U.S. (855) 855-4334
www.AmericanHebrewAcademy.org