

jGirls+ Magazine Teen Staff Application

General Information

1. Preferred Name
2. Legal Name (if different than Preferred Name)
3. Applicant Email Address
4. Applicant Mailing Address
5. Which program would you like to apply for today?
 - jGirls+
 - Kumi: Foundation
 - Meyer-Gottesman Kol Koleinu Teen Feminist Fellowship
6. Applicant Phone Number
7. Address (City/State or Province/Zip or Postal Code/Country)
8. Birthdate
9. Preferred form of contact:
 - Email
 - Phone call
 - Text
10. Parent or Guardian Name
11. Parent or Guardian Email
12. Parent or Guardian Phone Number

Demographic Information

Your answers to the following questions will not have an impact on your application. We ask this information because we are interested in understanding and supporting the identities of every participant.

1. Pronouns
2. Please describe your gender.
3. Please select the term(s) with which you most identify (check all that apply, listed in alphabetical order).
 - African American
 - Asian American
 - Black/African
 - Latinx/Hispanic
 - Middle Eastern
 - Mixed Race/Multi-racial
 - Native American/Alaskan Native

- Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian
 - White/European
 - Prefer not to answer
4. How do you identify Jewishly? Please check all that apply.
- Culturally Jewish
 - Agnostic
 - Atheist
 - Conservadox
 - Conservative
 - Humanistic Judaism
 - Just Jewish
 - Liberal/Progressive
 - Modern Orthodox
 - Non-Denominational
 - Open Orthodox
 - Orthodox
 - Pluralistic
 - Post-Denominational
 - Reconstructionist
 - Reform
 - Renewal
 - Secular
 - Traditional Egalitarian
 - Unaffiliated
5. Do you identify with any of the following Jewish heritages/identities? Choose all that apply.
- Ashkenazi
 - Sephardi
 - Mizrachi
 - Jew by Choice
 - Prefer not to answer
 - Prefer to self-describe
 - Please describe your Jewish heritages/identities
6. Name of school
7. What synagogue/temple, if any, do you belong to?
8. If you belong to a synagogue/temple/congregation youth group or participate in other Jewish youth programs, please list the group(s).
9. If you attend summer camp, please list the camp name(s).
10. Are you currently or have you ever participated in a Moving Traditions Program?
- B-Mitzvah Family Education
 - jGirls+

- Kol Koleinu
- Kulam
- Kumi
- Rosh Hodesh
- Shevet
- Tzelem
- None

11. Graduation Year

- 2025
- 2026
- 2027
- 2028
- 2029

12. Grade for 2025-2026 School Year

- 9th
- 10th
- 11th
- 12th

13. How did you hear about Moving Traditions' Teen Trips and Fellowships? Please be as specific as possible, such as on which social media platform or through which individual, club, or youth group.

Application Questions

1. Have you applied to be an editor or photographer at jGirls+ Magazine before?
2. Have you submitted content to jGirls+ Magazine before?
3. If you will be unavailable/unreachable this summer (due to travel, camp, etc.), please let us know the last date by which we can reach you easily, if known. (This is so we can be in touch about your application before you go.)
4. Can you attend jGirls+ Magazine's in-person retreat over Labor Day weekend? Financial need should not be a factor in responding to this question; travel subsidies are available.
5. Please share all the afterschool/extracurricular and work activities you are involved in or have recently been involved in. Be sure to share your participation, for the 2025-26 year, such as clubs, sports teams, jobs, internships, or ongoing family obligations.

We are not looking for applicants with the longest resume. Rather, we ask because we are interested in building a diverse cohort of teens with a variety of interests, consisting of those who have held similar roles, as well as those who have never worked on a magazine but are excited to potentially try something new!

6. What activities will you be involved with August 2025 - May 2026? (If this is a semester specific activity, please name when you are involved)
7. Please tell us about any past extracurriculars, activities, or programs you would like to highlight for your application.
8. Please indicate below which position(s) you are applying for, staff editor and/or staff photographer.
 - I am only interested in being an editor. I understand that being an editor is NOT a writing position, and I still wish to apply.
 - I am only interested in being a photographer.
 - I am equally interested in both positions. I understand that being an editor is NOT a writing position, and I still wish to apply for both roles.

Teen Staff Magazine Role

1. **Teen Staff Editors:** Will you be regularly available during the school year on Sundays from 7-9pm Eastern time? Please note that if you will not be, you are not eligible for an editorial board position.

All new editors sit in two departments, which include Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, Visual Arts & Music, and Timely Content. Each department meets for one hour one evening a week, so you must be available for evening meetings twice a week (Mon-Thurs) throughout the academic year. Specific times for these meetings will be assigned based on the schedules of editors and their departmental preferences; therefore, you must have some amount of scheduling flexibility.

2. Will you be regularly available two weekday evenings (Mon-Thurs) during the school year for weekly departmental meetings for at least one hour sometime between 6-10pm Eastern time?
3. **Teen Staff Photographers:** Will you be regularly available during the school year on Sundays from 4-5:30 pm Eastern time? Please note that if you will not be, you are not available for a staff photographer position.

If you are unavailable at the meeting times for the position(s) you are interested in, we cannot consider you for that particular position at the magazine. (If you selected "I am equally interested in both positions," please return to where you selected this option and select only the role you are eligible for.) We encourage you to submit your writing and/or art to jGirls+ Magazine by visiting Submissions & Guidelines - jGirls+ Magazine. You can also visit the Moving Traditions website to learn about other Teen Trips & Fellowships.

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. We want to know about your skills, background, experiences, and why you are interested in producing an online Jewish, feminist literary magazine.

(Please note that being an editor is not a writing position! Editors read, discuss, analyze, edit, and select teen-created content for publication in jGirls+ Magazine. By uplifting the voices of other Jewish teens, they create community and shape how the world sees and listens to Jewish girls, young women, and nonbinary teens. Editors and photographers alike are encouraged to submit their own writing and artwork to the magazine, but this is not the focus of the program.)

If you are looking for a guideline, most written answers will be 1-3 paragraphs.

4. How have your multiple, intersectional identities (including, but not limited to, your gender identity and Jewish background) informed your values? What is important to you, and why?
5. Why do you want to join the jGirls+ editorial board or staff photography department? What appeals to you about jGirls+? What do you hope to gain and what do you hope to give?

Teen Staff Editor

1. Select a piece from our website that you find to be particularly compelling, thought-provoking, or poorly executed, and tell us why. We are interested in your analysis of why you think a piece works well or not beyond whether you relate to it personally or simply do or do not like it. Consider how the author's creative choices elicited a particular reaction, reflect on how the piece might resonate with others, and describe what you would share with other editors in discussing this piece. Be completely candid, as you would be in the edit room. (Your feedback will not be shared with the writer/artist of the piece.) Please be sure to reference the title and author of the piece you have selected. (Long Answer)

Please prepare to upload TWO pieces of creative material. This will give us a sense of your creative style, what you are interested in, and how you express yourself. If you are also applying to be a photographer, you will have a separate opportunity to submit your photography portfolio below.

Whether or not you wish your work to be considered for our website, you must submit something you can envision on our site. We do not publish pieces that do not resonate with a broad audience, such as class research papers, book reports, journalistic pieces about your high school, or similar.

Please look at our website for examples of the broad range of work that is of interest to jGirls+. Your materials can include nonfiction (particularly personal essays or opinion pieces), fiction, poetry, cultural reviews, visual art (painting, photography, etc.), video, and/or music. All non-written work (photos, art, music) must also include an artist's statement. Please be sure at least one of your creative supplements is written work.

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like your pieces to be considered for publication, you must follow these formatting guidelines: <https://jgirlsmagazine.org/submission-guidelines/>.

First Piece

1. This piece is a work of
 - Fiction
 - Nonfiction
 - Poetry
 - Visual Art or Music (includes art, photography, video, music, and other non-written media)
2. What is the title and the main theme or subject of your submission? If appropriate, provide a short summary (2-6 lines) of your piece. If this piece is a work of visual art or music, please share a short artist statement that explains what inspired you to create the piece, what story it tells, and why you chose this medium.
3. Upload your first piece.
4. Would you like your first piece to be considered for publication on our website? Your choice on this will not impact your application.
 - Yes, and I confirm that I have read the submission guidelines and that my piece is formatted correctly (see <https://jgirlsmagazine.org/submission-guidelines/>).
 - Do you wish to have this first piece published anonymously, if it is selected for publication?
 - No

Second Piece

1. This piece is a work of
 - Fiction
 - Nonfiction
 - Poetry
 - Visual Art or Music (includes art, photography, video, music, and other non-written media)
2. What is the title and the main theme or subject of your submission? If appropriate, provide a short summary (2-6 lines) of your piece. If this piece is a work of visual art or music, please share a short artist statement that explains what inspired you to create the piece, what story it tells, and why you chose this medium.
3. Upload your second piece.

4. Would you like your second piece to be considered for publication on our website?
Your choice on this will not impact your application.
 - Yes, and I confirm that I have read the submission guidelines and that my piece is formatted correctly (see <https://jgirlsmagazine.org/submission-guidelines/>).
 - Do you wish to have this second piece published anonymously, if it is selected for publication?
 - No

Teen Staff Photographer

1. Staff photographers are responsible for pairing photos with written work to appear on our site. Select a piece from our website and share your thoughts on the photographer's choice of photo pairing. Perhaps an aspect of the photo reflects an important theme in a poem. Or perhaps you see a missed opportunity to create more resonance between a piece of writing and the paired image. We are interested in your analysis of why you think a photo pairing works well or not. Please be completely candid! Your feedback will not be shared with the photographer. Please be sure to reference the title and author of the piece you have selected. (Long Answer)

Portfolio

We would like to get a sense of your creative style and learn more about how you approach photography. Please prepare a Google drive folder with 3-6 photographs that best represent your work. Photos must be a minimum of 1920x1080 in either JPG or PNG formats. Please include in the folder an artist's statement for at least two of the photos.

Please update the settings on the folder to ensure that the contents can be viewed by anyone with the link. Make sure this applies to the document containing your artist statements as well.

1. Please link your portfolio here
2. Would you like your portfolio to be considered for publication on our website? Your choice on this will not impact your application. If you submitted a photography portfolio and would like all of the pieces considered, check "Yes." If you would like only some of them considered, check "Other" and list the titles of the ones you DO want considered.
 - Yes, and I confirm that I have read the submission guidelines and that my piece is formatted correctly (<https://jgirlsmagazine.org/submission-guidelines/>).
 - Do you wish to have your portfolio published anonymously, if it is selected for publication?
 - No
 - Other

Teen Staff Editor or Photographer

The following questions request information related to your creative submissions.

1. Have any of your pieces been published elsewhere?
 - Yes
 - Do you have permission to republish them?
 - Yes: Let us know where it has been submitted and any other related information here.
 - No
 - No
2. Have you submitted one of these pieces elsewhere and are waiting to hear back?
 - Yes
 - Let us know where it has been submitted and any other related information here.
 - No
3. If you would like your material(s) to be considered for publication, provide a 2-3 sentence bio in the third person outlining your year of graduation from high school, where you live, your interests, and something unique about you. (If you have already shared a bio with us, write "already submitted," or update if you prefer.)

If you do not want your material(s) to be considered for publication, please write, "N/A" in the box below.

4. (Optional) Is there anything else you would like us to know as we review your application?
5. May we share your email address with partners who are offering opportunities such as leadership training or writing workshops? (Your answer will not affect your application.)

Agreements

1. By submitting material ("Your Material") and checking this box, you certify that (a) you are the/an author of Your Material and that you have the express legal right and/or have received all necessary permissions to submit Your Material for publication; (b) to the extent materials not created by you are incorporated into or submitted along with Your Material, you have the express legal right and/or have received all necessary permissions to submit such materials for publication; (c) if Your Material is non-fiction, it is accurate; (d) Your Material has not been published elsewhere unless indicated above; (e) you will inform us if Your Material becomes scheduled for or is published elsewhere prior to our acceptance (if any) of Your Material for publication; and (f) you have read and understand everything above.

2. By submitting Your Material and checking this box, you further acknowledge and agree that if Your Material is selected by jGirls+ Magazine for publication, you hereby grant and shall grant to jGirls+ Magazine a worldwide, fully paid-up, perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, transferable and sublicensable (through multiple tiers) right and license to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, distribute and create derivative works of and based upon Your Material. As between you and jGirls+ Magazine, if Your Material is selected by jGirls+ Magazine for publication, you will continue to own Your Material and are free to use Your Material in any way that you choose, except that (1) prior to publishing Your Material elsewhere (i.e., making Your Material available to the public, for example, in a print or online magazine or on a blog), you will be responsible for determining whether Your Material has become subject to restrictions that would prevent you from publishing Your Material elsewhere (including by contacting jGirls+ Magazine) and, if so restricted, you agree not to publish Your Material elsewhere and (2) if Your Material is not subject to restrictions and can be published elsewhere (i.e., made available to the public, for example, in a print or online magazine or on a blog), such publication will state that it was first published by jGirls+ Magazine (or its designee) and, if possible, will include a link to Your Material on jgirlsmagazine.org. You agree to hold harmless jGirls+ Magazine (and its employees and officers) from any claim arising as a result of your submission of Your Material to jGirls+ Magazine, the publication of Your Material by jGirls+ Magazine (or its designee), or any violation of these terms.
3. By submitting material and checking this box, you certify that you are at least 13 years of age and not older than 19 years of age.
 - I am at least 13 years of age and not older than 19 years of age.