

Helpful tips before completing the Masa Application

Filling out the Masa application form.

If you are applying for the 10 month program, then choose this (choose the month that you are interested in):

The screenshot shows the 'Program Details' section of the application form. It includes a dropdown menu for 'Compuskills' and a date field set to 'October 2025'. Below these are two input fields for dates: '23/10/2025' and '26/08/2026'. A note above the form states 'All Date formats are: DD/MM/YYYY'.

OR, if you are applying for the 8 week midterm program, then choose this:

The screenshot shows the 'Program Details' section for an 8-week program. The dropdown menu is set to 'Masa Volunteers -Compuskills 8 weeks' and the date field is 'April 2026 Midterm'. Below are two input fields for dates: '21/04/2026' and '16/06/2026'. A note above the form states 'All Date formats are: DD/MM/YYYY'. At the bottom, there is a text instruction: 'If you do not see your program listed or no programs are found, please contact programs@masaisrael.org'.

The screenshot shows the 'Financial Assistance' section. It contains two radio button options: 'I would like to donate my Masa Israel Journey Grant and not receive funding for my program.' (unchecked) and 'I am interested in a Masa Israel Journey Grant and would like to receive funding for my program.' (checked). Below these are two text boxes: 'Your Masa grant or scholarship is subject to available funding.' and 'I would also like to apply for a Needs Based Scholarship.' At the bottom are two buttons labeled 'Yes' and 'No'.

The screenshot shows the 'Financial Information' section, which is part of the 'Financial Assistance' process. It starts with a disclaimer: 'We understand that your financial information is sensitive and assure you it will be kept strictly confidential, accessible only to Masa, its partners, and your Program Organizer. Incomplete information in this section will disqualify you from receiving additional financial support.' Below this is a question: 'Are you an independent? (Do you live financially independently from your parents/guardians?)' with 'Yes' and 'No' buttons. The section is titled 'Financial Information (Please complete in your local currency, using whole numbers only)'. It contains several input fields: 'Currency', 'Parent Family Status', 'Number of People in the Family', 'Parent 1/Guardian 1 Gross Annual Income', 'Parent 2/Guardian 2 Gross Annual Income', 'Housing Benefits', 'Child Benefits', 'Other Income', and 'Income Support from Outside Source/s'.

What financial documents do I need?

You may be financially dependent or independent – which one should I choose?

Independent

- I earn my own salary and I can prove it with a tax return (US 1040, UK P60).
- I have a 6 month apartment contract showing I live on my own (ie, not with my parents). The contract is from before I moved to Israel.
- I have a notarized letter from my parents stating that they do not support me.

Dependent

- I will submit my parents' tax return (1040 (US) or p60 (UK) or tax return).
- I don't have an apartment contract.
- I can't get a letter from my parents stating that they don't support me.

If you are from Mexico, South America, South Africa, France, India, Ukraine or Russia, you do not need to have any financial documents at all – you are automatically eligible for the larger grant.

If you are from the United Kingdom you must submit:

Salaried Workers

If you are a salaried worker, you must submit a P60 for each working parent AND a benefits paper detailing your benefits. Note: do not send a copy of your bank statement; Masa only accepts the official government letter stating your benefits.

Self-Employed

You must submit your SA302

What if I don't have financial documents while I'm filling out the Masa application form?

1. Fill in 0 for all of the questions regarding earnings.
2. **Skip** uploading the financial documents and go on to the next page. You can upload or email your financial documents afterwards (but you need to send in the financial docs within a week).

So, how do I know if I am eligible?

Masa gives a grant on a sliding scale. If they think you don't need the grant, they will give less; if they think you need it, they will give a larger grant.

So, how do they calculate the grant amount?

Masa calculates the number of family members that are being supported (including parents and even children over 21) and multiplies that by \$22,500*. Then they look

at your financial documents (1040, P60, tax return, or end of year financial report). If you earn up to this amount, you will get the higher grant. Otherwise, you will get the lower grant.

*(well, \$22,500 was their formula a few years ago and is likely a little more now)

Example 1: a family with 7 children, including the applicant and including a son in yeshiva and a son in Kollel whose parents together earn £140,000 are eligible for the higher grant. $9 \times \$22,500 = \$202,500 = \text{£ } 190,264$. Therefore, their earnings of £140,000 is less than the maximum amount allowed for this family size.

Example 2: a family with 5 children including the applicant. 3 children above age 21 of which one is a student and the parents help out the other 2 children: Parents earn \$157,000 per year. They are still eligible for the larger grant. $7 \times \$22,500 = \$157,500$. Therefore, their earnings of £\$157,000 is less than the maximum amount allowed for this family size.

What name shall I apply with?

Your legal name, please. It prevents problems.

Terms and Conditions

For every grant, there are terms and conditions. In order to get the grant, you must commit to being in the program as a full-fledged student. This means that you will take courses at Compuskills and that you will participate in extracurricular trips and activities.

How to apply

- by phone - just call us at the number(s) below and we will help you complete the form via telephone
- to apply for the grant online: -
https://masa-malam.formtitan.com/ftproject/ft1cbfd63ef7a84022addc5e25b46d0937/ftfde79d69505d481cb528df74c2d92ed8?special_form=No&ft_lang=en

Contact Us

We'd love to hear from you and answer any questions you may have, so please don't hesitate to contact us at:

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