

Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Grants Program 2021-2022

LA Jewish
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Become a Mentor

Starting out is hard. Mentors use their life experience to help teens explore their interests and develop meaningful projects that make a difference!



The Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Grants (TIG) program offers awards of up to \$1,500 to teens developing impactful projects in their communities.

We encourage teens to take risks, be creative, and MAKE IT HAPPEN!

MENTORS WILL:

- Serve as thought partners
- Help teens develop their projects between November 2021-May 2022
- Explore how Jewish values can inform and guide these projects
- Build a meaningful relationship with teens through monthly meetings and chats

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The Jewish Federation's Los Angeles Jewish Teen Initiative
Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Grants Program

— Mentor Role —

Description

The Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Grants Program (TIG) awards teens up to \$1,500 and pairs them with an experienced professional who serves as a mentor to help bring an idea to life. Mentorship is a key element to the program, and we need caring and responsible mentors who enjoy spending time with teenagers. A TIG mentor serves as a thought partner and advisor to a TIG Teen Innovator. Mentors share their wisdom and experience as they help to build a positive and caring relationship with their teen.

Scope of Commitment

- Participate in the 6-month program cycle (November 2021-May 2022) mentoring a TIG teen.
- Connect with your assigned TIG teen twice a month for goal setting, problem solving, and dreaming.
 - Meeting dates and times will be provided (may be individually adjusted).
 - Connect by phone, FaceTime or Zoom.
 - Initiate the first meeting and take the lead on creating a communication plan.
- Participate and attend the following TIG gatherings:
 - Orientation: November 9, 2021, 5:30 PM.
 - TIG Showcase: May 25, 2022, 5:30 PM.
- Check-in with LAJTI staff three times (beginning, middle, and end) of 6-month program.
- Complete end-of- year survey.
- Communicate any concerns or challenges to LAJTI staff.

Mentor Expectations

- Accept, support, and encourage your TIG teen during the program cycle.
- Highlight the Jewish values that are foundational to your teen's project.
- Have the time in your schedule to meet the program requirements.
- Identify with and act on the values of *tikkun olam*, both within and outside of the Jewish world.
- Hold positive feelings about being Jewish and share those feelings with your teen.

Location

Virtual, for now.



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