



**Cultivating Crops & Community Together**

## Kayam Summer Fellowship Application

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Thank you for your interest in becoming a Kayam summer fellow!

Please send completed application and resume to:

[jakir@pearlstonecenter.org](mailto:jakir@pearlstonecenter.org)

or mail to:

Kayam at Pearlstone  
5425 Mount Gilead Road  
Reisterstown, MD 21136



### I. Background Info

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship Status \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work / School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATION

	Name and Location of School	Circle Last Year Completed	Did You Graduate?	Subjects Studied and Degree(s) Received
<b>Grammar School</b>	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>High School</b>	_____	<b>1 2 3 4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>College</b>	_____	<b>1 2 3 4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Trade, Business or Other School</b>	_____	<b>1 2 3 4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> No	

### II. Experience

Please list your last three places of employment.

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Supervisor/Phone</u>
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Please list all teaching experience, including Jewish and/or environmental education. Please include dates.

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Please describe any farming or gardening experience you have.

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Please describe your Jewish background:

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Rank these five teaching areas in order of preference.

- Garden education \_\_\_\_\_
- Wilderness/trail/ecology \_\_\_\_\_
- Cooking \_\_\_\_\_
- Songleader \_\_\_\_\_
- Ropes Course \_\_\_\_\_

Do you play an instrument? \_\_\_\_\_ if so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

Other special skills:

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### III. Community

**Room & Board at Kayam:** Summer fellows live in large canvas tents, on wooden platforms, including beds, internet, and electricity. Up to three people share a tent. A separate building—the Mo’adon, or MOE for short—provides kitchen, male and female bathrooms, and common space. Fellows prepare all of their own meals using the MOE.

1. Describe any experience you have in group living (family excluded):

What did you enjoy?

What was difficult?

What insights did you gain about yourself?

What is your vision of community?

2. The MOE kitchen is kosher-vegetarian. Please share any other dietary needs or preferences.

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3. List two **personal** references (not family), their relationship to you, and contact information.

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#### **IV. Personal**

Please answer the following questions in one to three sentences each (you may attach ONE additional sheet to complete your answers):

1. Describe a time in your life when you were a leader.
2. What are your strengths? What allows you to shine?
3. What makes you angry or frustrated? How do you respond to conflict?
4. How do you take care of yourself? What do you do to prevent burn-out, keep yourself healthy, and/or deal with stress?
5. By successfully completing the fellowship, you will receive a Certificate of Achievement in Jewish Community Gardening and Jewish Environmental Education. A major goal of the fellowship is to train and empower leaders that will use their skills to establish or enhance similar initiatives elsewhere. What are your goals and ideas for the future? How might you apply your skills elsewhere?
6. What is your spirit vegetable, and why?

#### **V. The *really* Personal Section**

This section will be reviewed by Kayam staff and kept confidential. It is important that you fully and accurately inform us about all medical issues that might become relevant during the summer.

During the Kayam summer fellowship, participants are expected to work on the farm (including heavy lifting and moving), live outdoors in large canvas tents, coexist in a diverse community, and teach children aged 5-12.

1. Do you have any physical or mental impairments that require reasonable accommodations or adaptations for work, housing, transportation, communications, or other aspects of the fellowship? If yes, please explain.
2. Do you have any food-related allergies?

#### **You're almost finished! ☺**

Please list the names of two **professional** references with a description of their relationship to you.

Please attach an updated resume.

If selected for the Kayam Summer Fellowship, candidates will be required to complete a formal employment application for the Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center. Participation in the Kayam Summer Fellowship is contingent upon being accepted as a Pearlstone employee.

By signing below, I realize that I am giving consent for Kayam Farm at Pearlstone to contact the references I have provided and to obtain a criminal background check on me.

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_