

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For Program Beginning: Month/Year _____

Please check the scholarship(s) for which you are applying. *Carefully review the eligibility requirements and application process.*

	Jerusalem Study Fund - for students (16+) to study at educational institutions located in Jerusalem or its proximate suburbs in Israel. Recipient (or family) must be (1) full or associate member of a DE synagogue; (2) sixteen years of age or older when using money from the fund.
	Jewish Fund for the Future Scholarship Fund - for post-college level studies in Jewish communal service, Jewish education, Jewish studies, Rabbinical or Cantorial degrees
	Gilbert J Spiegel Memorial Fund – for support and development of current and future community leaders
	Isadore & Rose Reitzes Memorial Fund for Jewish Education – for innovative continuing Jewish education post Bar/Bat Mitzvah promoting Jewish identity, continuity of the Jewish people, knowledge of the history and customs

Section I – Student Information

Last Name		First Name		Middle
Permanent Address		City	State	Zip Code
Current Address(if different)		City	State	Zip Code
Religious Affiliation (optional)		Congregation/City/State (optional)		
Best Phone		Best Email		

Please list prior support you *received* or *requested* from the Jewish Federation of Delaware for camp, Israel experience or other programs. **Use additional sheet if necessary.**

Name of Program	Date Applied	Amount Requested	Received: Yes / No / Waiting

Section II – Program Information

Program Activity: Please list the program or activity for which you are requesting support.			
Name/Address of Organization	Dates (from/to)	Average hours per month	Activity / Position
Contact Name, Title	Phone Number	Program / Tuition Cost	Other Costs
		\$	\$

Section III – Academic Information

Name/Address of School Currently Attending		
Expected Graduation Date		
Cumulative Grade Point Average		GPA as of:
What is your intended:	College Major	Career

Section IV – Financial Aid

Please list ALL financial aid, grant or scholarships amounts you have received or applied for along with the granting organization for this program. Use additional sheet, if needed.			
Name of Organization	Date Applied	Received: Yes, No or Waiting	Amount

Section V – Community service, extra-curricular activities, work experience, awards & honors Use additional sheet, if needed.

Community Service activities: Please list your involvement outside of school with nonprofit, community, civic and/or faith-based organizations for the past 3 years only.

Name of Organization	Dates (from/to)	Average hours per month	Activities / Positions

Extra-curricular activities: Please list any school leadership experiences over the past 3 years, including clubs and sports.

Name of Organization	Dates (from/to)	Average hours per month	Activities / Positions

Work Experience: Please list any internships or work experience over the past 3 years.

Name of Business	Dates (from/to)	Average hours per month	Position / Responsibilities

Honors and Awards: Please list any honors or awards you have received in the past 3 years

Name of Award	Date Received	Reason for Award	Presenting Organization

Section VI – Letters of Recommendation

All applicants must provide two (2) letters of recommendation. One letter should be from a teacher, counselor or employer. The second letter must be a personal recommendation from someone other than a family member.

Name of Reference	Title	Organization

Section VII – Personal Statement

In the space below, please describe your interest and reasons for pursuing this program.

Section VIII – Signature If under Age 18, a parent or guardian's signature is also required.

The undersigned applicant hereby consents and agrees, or if under age 18 the undersigned parent(s) or natural guardian(s) hereby consent and agree individually and on behalf of the child or ward and represent that he/she are, in fact, acting in such capacity, to waive any confidentiality with respect to the above information with the understanding that this information will be used by the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Selection Committee and employees for the purpose of evaluating the applicant to receive a scholarship. If the applicant is selected to receive a scholarship, permission is hereby given for the Jewish Federation of Delaware to publish the applicant's name and photos.

Further it is agreed to release and hold harmless the Selection Committee and the Jewish Federation of Delaware, its agents and employees for any defect in or lack of capacity by the undersigned to act on behalf of the minor, or for any acts, neglects or defaults of any volunteer or any person employed by the Committee or by the Federation selected with reasonable care, or for any error in judgment, or any act done or steps taken or omitted, or done on the advice of counsel, for any mistakes of facts of law, or for anything the Committee or Federation may do or refrain from doing in good faith.

The information on this application is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge.

The applicant plans to complete the intended course of study for which he/she is requesting a scholarship.

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Section VIII – Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Contact Information

First Name	Middle	Last Name		
Address		City	State	Zip Code
Best Phone		Best Email		Relationship

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Applications must be legible or will not be considered. Please print.**
2. Complete all sections, attach additional sheets if necessary.
3. Applications may be submitted on line or downloaded and mailed.
4. **Please do not** submit any personal financial information, tax returns, etc.
5. Applicants **must** include a personal statement reflecting their interests and qualifications.

CHECK LIST

- ___ Check the scholarship(s) for which you are applying.
- ___ If already accepted, attach college, university or program acceptance letter.
- ___ Two letters of recommendation. These may be included or sent separately. Application will not be reviewed until all materials are submitted. If emailed, please send to JFF@ShalomDel.org.
- ___ Sign the application. If under age 18, also must be signed by parent(s) or guardian(s.)
- ___ Paperclip the application pages – **you should not staple or fold your application.**

If mailing, submit your application to:

**Jewish Fund for the Future - Scholarships
101 Garden of Eden Road
Wilmington, DE 19803**

To ensure timely processing applications must be submitted a *minimum* of 120 days prior to program start date.

JFF SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection of scholarship recipients, the number of scholarships awarded each year, the amount of each award and all the details thereof are the sole discretion of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The Federation will not be under obligation to distribute funds if no suitable candidates are found in a given period of time.

Each person on the scholarship committee reviews an application differently. It is your job to ensure that the application is complete, neat, all questions are answered and all required documents are delivered. Selection will be made without regard for race, color, national origin, age or sex of candidate.

Criteria considered by the scholarship selection committee when reviewing your application include the following:

- ***Tikkun Olum (Repairing the World) & Tzedakah (Justice)*** Committee members may look for evidence of how you practice Jewish values through volunteerism and service. Committee members may be interested in the role you have played in your community or synagogue.
- ***Leadership*** Committee members may consider your extra-curricular activities or work experience and look for a range of leadership roles within the Jewish or general community.
- ***Academics*** Committee members may review if you have won special award(s) or received any honors. They may look at your academic accomplishments. They may assess your goals and how you plan to accomplish them.
- ***Creativity*** Committee members may be interested in your creative abilities. They may look to see if you are involved in the arts or sciences. They may view how resourceful you are and ways you have been able to apply it.
- ***Resident of Delaware or surrounding communities*** The Jewish Federation of Delaware's service area may be considered by the committee.
- ***Special Circumstances*** It is important to let the committee know if you have a strong financial need or have overcome an obstacle to achieve your goals or encountered special situations.
- ***Other Requirements*** Review the criteria to make sure you qualify and your program meets the criteria of the scholarship you wish to receive. For example, some scholarships require you to be a full-time student pursuing an undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many scholarships are awarded and what are the amounts?

The number of awards and amounts vary each year depending on the number of qualified applicants and the funds available. Scholarship awards can range from \$250 to \$1,000.

How can scholarship funds be used?

In general, scholarship awards are for tuition only and will be made out to the program or the recipient's college or university. Any unused funds are to be returned.

Can I apply for more than one year and one scholarship?

You may apply for all scholarships for which you qualify. Scholarships are given for one (1) academic or program year. Renewal applicants must fill out a new application for review by our selection committee. You may continue to apply each year as long as you meet the eligibility criteria.

What are my responsibilities if I am chosen as a recipient?

You must remain enrolled for the entire academic year or program period in which the scholarship is awarded. If you transfer to another school or leave your program you must contact us immediately.

What are the available scholarships?

Please visit our website ShalomDelaware.org.

When is the application deadline and when are scholarship announcement expected to be made?

Applications should be received a minimum of 120 day prior to program start date to ensure timely processing. Awards are announced throughout the year

Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

Call 302 427-2100 ext. 830 or email JFF@ShalomDel.org