

Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion Outside Scholarship Information

Listed below are some merit based scholarships offered by other Jewish and non-Jewish organizations that may be helpful to fund your graduate school education.

To find out more about financial aid at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, please contact: Roseanne Ackerley, Director of Financial Aid, Rackerley@huc.edu

For All HUC-JIR Program Applicants:

BG Scholarship

The "BG Scholarship" was created in memory of Brandon Goodman. The scholarship is for high school and college students. The scholarship is available to students in high school and also students currently enrolled in college. You must have a minimum 2.0 GPA, be a U.S. citizen or an international students that is enrolled in school in the USA. Membership is not required to be eligible for this award. You must submit an essay about your academic goals and your contributions to your school and/or community.

Award Amount: \$300

Application due: July

<http://www.bgscholarship.com/scholarship.html>

Alisa Flatow Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Alisa Flatow Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established to encourage others to follow in Alisa's footsteps in a year-long program offering the full-time pursuit of traditional Jewish studies at schools in the State of Israel. The number of scholarships is quite limited, and they are awarded on a competitive basis. To qualify for a scholarship award, studies must be of a post-high school nature. Study can be in programs which earn college credits. (For instance, a student may attend a yeshiva and receive credits which may be applied to a degree program at a University.) Programs at Israeli universities and institutions and other organizations that combine secular and Judaic studies will be reviewed by the Fund's Committee to determine eligibility on a case by case basis. In all cases, an approved institution must have a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and must also have an American affiliate mailing address. Awards are given based on a combined scholarship and need basis. The intention of the Alisa Flatow Memorial Scholarship Fund is for it to be especially valuable to those students showing academic promise in their religious studies and the need for financial assistance to pursue study in Israel. Students already studying in Israel should not apply for the scholarship, as other programs exist to assist them.

Applications due: October

www.alisafund.org

Bookoo's Annual Military Scholarship Program

To qualify you must:

- Be currently active duty or married to someone who is currently active duty
- Attend an accredited college or university (or be a graduating high school senior)

Applications are due by Dec 1st for Winter semesters and July 1st for Fall semesters

www.bookoo.com/military-scholarships.jsp

Church Mutual Religious Scholars Program (from CM CARES, the Church Mutual Insurance Company Foundation)

CM CARES, the Church Mutual Insurance Company Foundation, has established a scholarship program to assist students pursuing an advanced degree in religious studies at an accredited theological seminary, college or university of higher learning. One-time awards of \$5,000 are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

To qualify, a student must:

- Be enrolled full-time in an advanced religious degree program for the current academic year
- Demonstrate personal impact through education, work experience, and volunteerism
- Have a minimum grade-point average of 3.0
- Be committed to entering full-time ministry, regardless of faith, upon completion of studies, at a United States-based institution

Applications must be submitted by April 15

<https://www.scholarsapply.org/cmcares-scholars/>

Dunn Scholarship for Communal Service (from The Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation Inc.)

The Dunn Scholarship provides up to \$1,000 to an outstanding graduating brother who is entering his first year of Cantoral, Rabbinical or Jewish Communal Services studies. Such resources allow graduate members of the fraternity to continue their education by attending an accredited school in the United States, Canada or Israel. Candidates should demonstrate financial need, should have served in a leadership capacity in his undergraduate chapter, should have an excellent reputation among his peers, and should exhibit the values and ideals of a brother of Alpha Epsilon Pi. Applicant must be a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi.

<http://www.aepi.org/?page=DunnScholarship>

The Hebrew Free Loan Society

(NY based students only) The Hebrew Free Loan Society is committed to giving loans and scholarships to NY based students.

Applications Due: Summer

<http://www.hfls.org/scholarships>

International Fellowship in Jewish Studies and Jewish Culture – Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture

The purpose of the Foundation for Jewish Culture Memorial Scholarship Fellowship Program is to assist well-qualified individuals in carrying out an independent scholarly, literary or art project, in a field of Jewish specialization, which makes a significant contribution to the understanding, preservation, enhancement or transmission of Jewish culture. Any qualified scholar, research or artist who possesses the knowledge and experience to formulate and implement a project in a field of Jewish specialization can apply for support. The amount of the grant varies in accordance with the cost of living in the country in which the fellowship recipient resides. Grants range up to \$10,000 per year.

Applications Due: October

Applications can be obtained on individual written request with a brief description of the project from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 50 Broadway – 34th Floor, New York, New York 10004, U.S.A.

JCCA Scholarship

JCC Association's full-time scholarship is awarded to 4-6 qualified candidates for a maximum of two years (\$10,000 per school year), depending on eligibility. Applications are due February 1, 2017. Applicants who are moved to the next round of interviews will be notified by March to select a date and

time for a Skype interview. The last round of interviews is in-person with the Scholarship Committee at JCC Association's offices in New York City in April 2017 (tbd).

[2017 Graduate Scholarship Application](#)

*Upon completion of the online application, the scholarship coordinator will contact you via email with additional materials needed to complete your application. All parts of the application are due February 1, 2017.

Requirements:

- First master's degree
- Committed to work at a JCC post-graduation for at least (2) years*
- Complete a field placement at a JCC during your studies
- Pursuing a master's degree in a field that pertains to JCC employment
- Full-time students ONLY
- Completion of all parts of the application including (3) reference letters, (1) essay & (1) case study. No exceptions past due date.

If accepted, scholarship awardees are contractually obligated to fulfill a two year work commitment at an affiliated JCC. JCC Association will work with recipients to help secure positions upon graduation, if the scholarship recipient is unable to fulfill this requirement 90 days after graduation, the full scholarship must be paid back within (3) months.

*Please note: 2 year work commitment must be fulfilled post-graduation. Employment prior or during scholarship does not qualify for the requirement. Current JCC employees are eligible to apply for the full-time scholarship if they are pursuing their degree full-time while working. Fulfillment of 2 year commitment will begin post-graduation as well. If the graduate program is longer than (4) semesters, the balance of tuition falls on the scholarship recipient.

Applications: February

<http://www.jccworks.com/?PageID=C194AA>

Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York – Paul M. Gans Scholarship

(Not campus specific) Provide a scholarship to a graduate student studying toward a career in Jewish communal service, including such fields as the rabbinate, the cantorate, Jewish education, Jewish social work, etc. Priority will be given to those individuals who establish academic ability and/or financial need. Awards are generally \$780.

www.jewishfedny.org

Jewish Vocational Service Scholarship (LA campus only)

The JVS Scholarship Program provides qualified Jewish students whose primary residence is in Los Angeles with need-based financial aid, in the belief that education represents the first step to career success. In partnership with private donors, JVS administers a scholarship program to provide qualified Jewish students with need-based financial aid.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Must be Jewish

Minimum age of 16 years

Permanent and legal resident of Los Angeles County - for a minimum of three years

U.S. citizen or documented legal permanent U.S. resident (green card)

Planning to attend an accredited public or private college, university or vocational school in the U.S.

Planning to enroll full-time (minimum 12 units per term)

Maintain a minimum 2.7 GPA for undergraduate students and a minimum 3.0 GPA for graduate students for every semester or quarter enrolled.

Demonstrated and verifiable financial need including FAFSA (student aid report)

Completed 2017-18 applications and all supplemental materials, including official transcript and letter of recommendation, must be postmarked by March 15, 2017 (for renewal applicants) and March 31, 2017 (for new applicants). A complete list of required supplemental materials is available online. Any supplemental materials postmarked after March 15, 2017 will be NOT be considered.

www.jvsla.org

The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago Academic Scholarship (For students who are born or went to high school in the greater Chicago metropolitan area)

Educational scholarship funds from grants administered by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago are available for Jewish college and graduate students. Approximately \$500,000 is available each year for full-time students, predominantly those legally domiciled in the metropolitan Chicago area, with career promise in their chosen fields. Assistance is available primarily for those with FINANCIAL NEED who are pursuing careers in the helping professions. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$8,000. JVS Chicago processes academic scholarship applications from eligible students who have financial needs that cannot fully be met by other appropriate resources.

You are eligible to apply if you

- Are Jewish
- Were born and raised in Chicago metropolitan area*, including Lake County, Indiana; OR one continuous year of full-time employment in the Chicago metro area prior to enrollment.
- Intend to remain in the Chicago metropolitan area after completing school
- Are entering an accredited graduate program in a helping profession on a full-time basis for the full 2016-2017 academic year OR
- Are entering your junior or senior years of an accredited bachelor's degree program in a helping profession on a full-time basis for the full 2016-2017 academic year
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate career promise
- Are available for an in-person interview between March 1 and April 20, 2016

*Chicago metropolitan area includes Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties

Applications Due: Autumn

www.jvschicago.org/scholarship for an application

The Jewish Free Loan Association

Interest-free loan provider. You can find out more information about these scholarships by going to

Applications Due: Rolling Application

www.jfla.org

LA Tutors Scholarship

We award a \$500 Innovation Scholarship each month who showcase their creativity in a new exciting way to make a positive impact - whether it's setting a world record to raise money for cancer research or becoming an activist for a worthy cause. Requirements: Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (or the equivalent.) Essay describing their innovative project and provide supporting documentation (e.g. website, news article, letter of recommendation, etc.) All submissions are due by 11:59 pm PST on the 20th of each month.

Applications Due: Rolling Application

<http://www.latutors123.com/scholarship> for more information

The MASA Scholarship

A scholarship for all First Year in Israel Students who are non-Israeli and are between the ages of 18-30. MASA scholarship is based on need.

Applications Due: Fall

www.masaisrael.org/masa/english

Mensa Education and Research Foundation

American Mensa and the Cincinnati Area group are non-profit organizations with a mission statement of identifying and fostering human intelligence. Scholarships are awarded in the amounts of \$1000, \$2000, \$3000. Requirements: 550 or fewer words essay about career, vocational and academic goals.

Essay due: January 15

www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/

The National Academies

The mission of the NRC Research Associate ship Programs (RAP) is to promote excellence in scientific and technological research conducted by the U. S. government through the administration of programs offering graduate, postdoctoral, and senior level research opportunities at sponsoring federal laboratories and affiliated institutions. Stipends begin at \$30,000.

<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/rap/>

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW/LA)

NCJW/LA provides scholarships, regardless of religious belief, to those who live-in or attend school in the Greater Los Angeles area, including portions of Ventura and Orange County. This highly competitive selection criterion includes the ability to articulate a clear statement of goals, the likelihood of goal attainment, the personal courage and personal commitment of the applicant, and financial need.

www.ncjwla.org

PFLAG Scholarship Award

Each year PFLAG Cincinnati offers scholarships to students residing in or attending college in the greater Cincinnati area. The purpose of the scholarship program is to reward students who help to fulfill PFLAG's missions of support, education and advocacy. Since the program's inception in 1992, PFLAG has awarded over \$170,000 in scholarships to 135 talented and deserving gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and straight-supportive college students. Applicants are reviewed by the PFLAG Scholarship Committee. Awardees are announced during Pride month at the June PFLAG meeting each year.

Application Due: April

www.pflagcinci.org

Soroptimist International of Los Angeles Fellowship Award

This fellowship competition for up to \$3,500 is open to women who are citizens of the United States and residents of the state of California. Candidates must: have a bachelor's degree (or receive it prior to Fall of the academic year), be enrolled in a graduate degree (Master's or Doctorate) program at an accredited institution of higher education in Los Angeles County, have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, have financial need, have performed services for her community, and file complete application materials, including official college transcript(s) of all upper division (junior and senior years) and graduate level work, and three letters of recommendation. A personal interview, to be held, mid-March, is required of the final candidates. The candidate selected will be notified shortly after the interviews and must be available to accept the award at a designated luncheon meeting to be held March.

Application due: January

For more information, go to www.soroptimist-losangeles.org

Tikvah Fellowship

The Tikvah Fellowship is a paid one-year program for exceptional individuals interested in the political, religious and intellectual future of Jewish people. This fellowship is open to anyone with an undergraduate degree from the US, Israeli or international college and universities. Requirements are a curriculum vitae or resume, a personal statement, 500 word statement on a book, course, teacher or event that made you change your mind about a major issue and an explanation of why, and two letters of recommendation (optional). If chosen as a finalist a phone interview will be requested.

Award amount: 35,000 to 75,000

Application due: February

<https://tikvahfund.org/application/overseas-program/>

Contact: fellowship@tikvahfund.org

The Urban Mattress Scholarship

The Urban Mattress Scholarship is a \$2500 merit-based scholarship awarded once per year for students pursuing higher education with an emphasis on the social sciences, liberal arts, philanthropy, volunteer work, or any other related field.

Full details are posted on our website: <https://www.urbanmattress.com/scholarship>

Application Due: June 30th

The Wexner Foundation

The Wexner Foundation offers a merit scholarship of \$30,000 per year up to three years of coverage. The scholarship is designed for Jewish professional leaders in the graduate program.

Application Due: February

www.wexnerfoundation.org

Wiener Educational Center's scholarships

Scholarship Requirements:

- Scholarships are awarded for a maximum of two years (can be awarded for one additional year.)
- Our scholarships can only be used to cover tuition, and do not cover additional expenses (living costs, books, etc).
- Applicants must be:
 - U.S. citizens or permanent residents
 - Studying in the New York area while receiving scholarship funds
 - Planning to attend school full time
- Applicants must be pursuing one of the following graduate-level degrees:
 - Social work
 - Public administration
 - Business administration (non-profit)
 - Nonprofit management
 - Cantorial Programs
 - Jewish Education
 - Clinical psychology
 - Rabbinic ordination
 - Special Education
- Applicants may apply at any point in their graduate career, either as entering students or current students. However, students must be studying in New York during all years in which they receive scholarship funds (e.g. rabbinical students cannot receive scholarships for their year in Israel).

- Students cannot concurrently receive both a PENS scholarship and a Rose Biller scholarship, administered through the Hebrew Free Loan Society. However, students may receive one of our other scholarships while also receiving a Rose Biller scholarship.
- Applicants must be able to intern or work within UJA-Federation's network of agencies, synagogues, or day schools in the 8-county catchment area during all years in which they receive scholarship funds.
 - Internships must be a minimum of 10 hours/week (including preparation time.)
 - If a student's program only accommodates for internships during specific years, the student should only apply for scholarships for those years.
 - Example: Yeshiva University Ferkauf's PhD program in Clinical Psychology has "externships" built-in during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years, as well as a full-time internship during the 5th year. Ferkauf students should therefore only apply for scholarships for those years of their program.
- All applicants, with the exception of rabbinical students and cantorial students, must commit to working within UJA-Federation's network of agencies, synagogues, or day schools in the 8-county catchment area for a minimum of two years after graduation
- All applicants are required to attend seminars at UJA-Federation of New York (approximately five seminars per year) during the academic year(s) in which they receive scholarship funds. In addition, rabbinical students are required to teach a course of approximately 4-5 sessions to donors/staff/lay leaders at UJA-Federation or an affiliated agency during their second year of receiving scholarship funds.

Application Due: February 15th

<http://www.ujafedny.org/graduate-student-scholarships-and-fellowships>. Applications can be submitted electronically to Rebecca Russo at russor@ujafedny.org

Please contact Rebecca Russo at russor@ujafedny.org or 212.836.1661 with any questions.

The Woman's Rabbinic Network

It offers two scholarships of \$1000.00 each and a one year membership to the WRN for eligible candidates. The WRN's intent for the scholarship is the assist women:

- Reentering the workforce
- Desiring to develop new or enhance current skills
- Pursuing continuing education of an existing career
- All women over 25 years of age, who reside in Montgomery County, are eligible for the scholarship.

Applications Due: Rolling Application

Download and complete an application from www.wrnmontco.com/scholar

Other Scholarship Sources:

- [Grants Library](#) - Go to your local Grants Library and search for applicable scholarships. Some scholarships are available based on where you were born, age, gender etc. There is a Grants library located near the New York HUC-JIR Campus in Greenwich Village.
- www.hillel.org – Check the Hillel website for valuable scholarship information. Type 'scholarship' in the search box to access.
- www.Petersons.com – comprehensive list of college scholarships
- www.scholarshipstreet.com – Scholarship Street offers more web addresses for general scholarships and a scholarship tracking tool and advice for finding scholarships.
- Also check your local Jewish Community Centers and Synagogues for scholarship options.

Other Resources:

- www.hillel.org/campus
- <http://www.scholarships.com>
- <http://www.free-4u.com/jewish.htm>
- <http://edu.fastweb.com>
- <http://www.collegescholarships.org>
- <http://www.go-study-abroad.com/study-abroad-grants-and-scholarships>
- <http://www.collegenet.com/mach25/app>
- <http://zinch.com>
- <http://www.aie.org>

For Double Degree Applicants to the Jewish Non-Profit Management and the University of Southern California:

Norman Topping Student Aid Fund

For academic and personal accomplishments. The purpose of NTSAF is to assist students with high financial need who demonstrate an extraordinary level of community awareness in their pursuit of higher education at USC, community awareness, first-generation college student status, volunteer efforts, and extraordinary circumstances. The NTSAF is a scholarship program with over thirty eight years of tradition and demonstrated commitment to the support of students at USC. Eligibility: Requires full-time attendance, a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. The Topping Scholar's class standing and program of study determines the maximum number of semester of scholarship eligibility.

Applications due: Spring

www.usc.edu/ntsaf

Town and Gown of the University of Southern California

The scholarship is for Incoming Graduate Students who have an undergraduate degree and have achieved academically at the highest level. The Competitive Scholarship awards \$10,000 annually towards scholarships. In addition to the academic criteria, activities, community involvement, career aspirations, work and leadership are considered. Current USC Graduate Students who are applying for the first time require a minimum of 3.4 GPA. In-person interviews are a prerequisite for scholarship consideration.

Applications due: Late Fall

www.townandgownusc.com

Lambda Scholarship in Outstanding Achievement

For an undergraduate, graduate or professional student who has demonstrated leadership through personal efforts, research, accomplishment within the LGBT community, or who has served as a role model through involvement in other organizations.

Applications due: Rolling Application

<http://alumni.usc.edu/lambda/scholarships/lambda/index.html>

Thomas J. Peterman Scholarship in Business Administration

For a full-time graduate student in the Marshall School of Business who has a demonstrated commitment to eliminating "glass-ceiling" constraints by application of acumen gained in studying business administration. This criterion can be met by demonstrated accomplishment in applying business acumen to advance GLBT issues or in using knowledge of those issues to advance business objectives. Such accomplishment may be shown in a variety of ways, including but not limited to actual practice, a student project, or leadership in GLBT or other organizations. Eligibility: All USC graduate business students with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Applications due: Rolling Application

<http://alumni.usc.edu/lambda/scholarships/peterson/index.html>

USC School of Social Work Scholarship Application

This is a general scholarship based on financial eligibility. Requirements: You must have strong academic merit demonstrated by a minimum 3.0 GPA or other academic achievements; must be an MSW student enrolled in 8 or more units each semester; have applied for financial aid through USC Financial Aid Office

Applications due: Spring

<http://sowkweb.usc.edu/prospectivestudents/scholarships.html>

Dean's Merit Scholarship

Dean's Merit Scholarships are awarded to students pursuing any of the four degree programs: Master of Health Administration, Master of Planning, Master of Public Administration, and Master of Public Policy. The criteria used for Dean's Merit Scholarship consideration are as follows:

- academic merit as determined by undergraduate and post graduate performance
- GRE/GMAT test scores
- professional background and special contributions made to the public administration, public policy, health administration, or planning professions
- professional promise
- financial need is not considered

Additional Information on Dean's Merit Scholarships

- the majority of the scholarship awards are made at the time of admission to students who enter in the fall
- awards to new students are generally renewable for a second year assuming satisfactory academic progress
- students can use the Dean's Merit Scholarship to enroll in classes at the USC State Capital Center
- graduate assistantships are only available for master of planning students that include graduate tuition credit and a stipend
- full tuition, half tuition, and partial tuition scholarships are awarded to students based on the aforementioned criteria

Applications due: Fall

http://www.usc.edu/schools/sppd/students/financial_aid/scholarships/

Rockwell Dennis Hunt Scholastic Award (Social Work)

Applicants must have earned an undergraduate degree from USC within the last five years. Applicants must be nominated by a dean, director or department chair. Nominated students will also be considered for the University Staff Club Graduate Scholarships. The amount is for \$5000.

Applications due: November

http://www.usc.edu/schools/GraduateSchool/current_fellowships_02.html

University Staff Club Graduate Scholarships (Social Work)

Continuing students only. Five awards of \$1000 each are available. Preferred applicants have an undergraduate degree from USC. Criteria for selection include academic record, activities, service, future goals, and financial need.

Applications due: February

staffclub@usc.edu

Scholars Program

The CSWE Scholars Program is designed to provide both senior and junior scholars the opportunity to work on research projects or programmatic initiatives of their choosing and in line with CSWE priorities. This Program is designed to provide both senior scholars, faculty members, and junior scholars such as doctoral students or individuals recently completing their doctoral dissertation the opportunity to work on projects and initiatives of interest to the scholar as well as to CSWE.

Applications due: Rolling Application

<http://www.cswe.org/CSWE/scholarships/scholars/>

Carl A. Scott Memorial Fund

The Carl A. Scott Memorial Fund was established by the CSWE Board of Directors in recognition of Carl A. Scott's contributions to CSWE and the social work profession. The components of the Fund includes an annual lecture series given at the annual program meeting, a publication program, and scholarship assistance--two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each are awarded to students who have demonstrated a commitment to work for equity and social justice in social work.

Applications due: Rolling Application

<http://www.cswe.org/CSWE/scholarships/The+Carl+A+Scott+Memorial+Fund/>