

Applying for Financial Aid, Procedures and Forms

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In all of its full-time professional programs, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion offers generous financial assistance - in the form of merit and need-based scholarships as well as federal financial aid loans.

We offer merit-based scholarships (Atara Scholarship) for Rabbincial, Cantorial and Education (MARE, MAJE) programs. To apply for an Atara Scholarship please fill out an application available from the Admissions Office. The early consideration deadline is February 21, 2017 for the incoming 2017-18 incoming class.

We also offer HUC-JIR need-based scholarships. To be considered for a need-based scholarship incoming student must fill out an HUC-JIR Need-based Scholarship Application available from the Admissions Office and must be accompanied by a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile Form (if you are an international student.) The deadline is February 21st for early consideration. Need-based aid will be applied for years two on. Year in Israel Program (Year one of your studies) is a tuition-free program granted by the Koret Foundation.

For returning students, one is required to fill out the FAFSA to maintain his or her need-based scholarship each year. The deadline for submission is May 5, 2017 for the 17-18 academic year.

Note: Scholarships and financial aid loans will be awarded on a first come first served basis starting in March 2017. The earlier you apply, the earlier you will receive notification of your financial aid package for the upcoming year. Award letters will go out on a rolling basis starting in the late spring.

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How to Apply

US Citizens

1. All new and returning students must fill out a FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov and use the school code: G04054

Note: Please complete your 2015 tax return or have your tax W2's before filling out the FAFSA so the data is correct. After completing the FAFSA it will be sent automatically to the Financial Aid Office.

2. If this is your first time applying for financial aid you must submit a copy of your driver's license or passport to our financial aid department.

International

1. Fill out the CSS Profile online (there is a small fee involved with this application).
 - a. Go to <http://www.collegeboard.org/>
 - b. Click on the CSS Profile
 - c. Choose the future academic year you are planning on attending then click "sign in"
 - d. If you don't have an account the fill out information to create an account

Before starting the profile be sure you have picked the right code for the college you will be attending in the next academic year. The codes are listed below and available on the CSS website under "List of Colleges, Universities, and Scholarships." After the Profile is completed, it will be sent to the Financial Aid Office automatically.

1305 Hebrew Union College - JIR (CN and JER) (Cincinnati and Year in Israel Students)

1344 Hebrew Union College -JIR (CA)

2290 Hebrew Union College - JIR (NY)

The CSS Profile doesn't allow you to bypass the parent information of the Profile. Please put all zeros on the application for the parent information as we don't require parent information in our calculations.

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Please note that International Students are not eligible for government loans but are eligible for some private alternative loans that are available through some lenders in the US. If you are interested in learning more about these types of loans please inquire with the Financial Aid Office.

Return all materials to by mail, email or fax to:

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Students also offset the cost of their HUC education through the earnings they receive in internships, pulpit positions, and other professional development opportunities that are a part of the curriculum. In addition, each campus offers a small number of "named" scholarships, based on merit and financial need. These are typically awarded by the deans and program directors on each campus. All students are considered for such scholarships based on communication among the admissions office, the financial aid office, and the deans and program directors.

New Stafford Loan Borrowers

If you are new to HUC-JIR or you have decided to take out Federal Financial Aid Stafford Loans for the first time, here is some additional information you will need in order to apply for a Stafford or Grad Plus loan:

1. **Loan Counseling**

Entrance Interviews - All students borrowing from the Stafford Loan Program for the first time at HUC-JIR must complete an entrance interview before any funds will be disbursed for the student. Entrance Interviews are to be completed online by going to this website and choosing the Cincinnati campus: <http://mappingyourfuture.org/sgc>

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2. Sign-up for Direct Loans

Instructions below to sign up for Direct Loans (Subsidized, Unsubsidized and Grad Plus Loans)

1. Go to www.studentloans.gov
2. Click on the green "sign in button" Keep in mind you will need your FAFSA pin to be able to sign on the system.
3. You will then see "Plus Application Request Form" and if you are interested in taking out a Grad Plus loan please fill out the application. If not skip it.
4. Click on "Master Promissory Note" - in this step you will see the option to click which loans you want to apply for (Subsidized, Unsubsidized and Grad Plus) keep in mind that this information will go to me and so I will see that you only want one of the three kinds of loans or all three.
5. For "School Information" - The School code is G04054 for all campuses.
6. Fill out personal references - you must use two different references that have different addresses and phone numbers from the borrower and each other.
7. Review all Terms and Conditions.
8. Review and electronically sign the Promissory Note (keep in mind that the name needs to appear in the signature exactly how it is when it populates using the pin number)

If you have successfully finished the process you will receive a pop up window. Please call 800-557-7394 if you need help with this or have any additional questions with signing up for your loans.