

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 Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, please contact: Roseanne Ackerley, Director of Financial Aid, Rackerley@huc.edu

For All HUC-JIR Program Applicants:

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

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 Cantorial, 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.

<https://www.aepi.org/opportunities/aepi-opportunities/#grants-and-scholarships>

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

<https://hfls.org/apply-for-a-scholarship/>

Hillel International Scholarship Portal

The Hillel International Scholarship Portal is a one-stop shop for numerous scholarships available for Jewish students.

Information can be found by selecting Graduate Student as grade level at the following database:

<https://hillel.org/college-guide/hillel-scholarships/jewish-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, at office@mfdc.org for more information go to:

<https://mfdc.org/fellowship/>

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.

Applications Due: February

<https://www.jewishfedny.org/scholarships>

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
- 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 applications and all supplemental materials, including official transcript and letter of recommendation, must be postmarked by March. A complete list of required supplemental materials is available online. Any supplemental materials postmarked after March NOT be considered.

<https://www.jvs-socal.org/program/scholarship/>

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; O’Rone 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 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 academic year
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate career promise
- Are available for an in-person interview in the Chicago area

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

Applications Due: February 1st

<https://www.jcfs.org/jvsscholarships> 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: July

<https://www.masaisrael.org/>

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

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

The Nachshon Project Graduate Fellowship

Fellows who have completed the undergraduate phase of The Nachshon Project, and meet other specific academic requirements, **are** eligible to apply for The Nachshon Project Graduate Fellowship. This highly-sought-after Fellowship helps Fellows pursue graduate-level degrees to train them for leadership positions in Jewish communal life.

Individuals accepted to the Graduate Fellowship are granted \$30,000 per year for the duration of their studies, pursuant to program requirements. Graduate Fellows participate in annual conferences and distance learning, which supplement their graduate studies and provide them with tools, skills, and networking opportunities to help them succeed in their future careers as Jewish professionals.

More information is available at <http://www.thenachshonproject.com/>

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.

Applications Due: Two cycles – fall and spring

<https://www.ncjwla.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>

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 PFLA Scholarship Committee. Awardees are announced during Pride month at the June PFLAG meeting each year.

Application Due: winter-spring depending on the area

<https://pflag.org/localpflagscholarshipprograms>

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 <https://www.soroptimist-losangeles.org/programs/sila-programs/graduate-fellowship/>

Tikvah – Beren Summer Fellowship

The Tikvah Fellowship is a paid summer 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 or just recently graduated.

Requirements are:

1. Fill out a basic biographical form
2. Answer these questions:
 - How do you hope this program will advance your intellectual growth and/or your progress toward a career or calling? How will it build on what you have done and how will it help prepare you for where you want to go next? (500 words).

- Identify a person that you admire for their accomplishments in politics, literature, religious thought or some other arena of leadership and creativity. Describe why you chose this person (500 words).
 - The mission statement of the Jewish Leadership Conference (<https://www.jewishleadershipconference.org/our-principles/>) articulates a set of principles that we believe should shape and define the Jewish political and cultural agenda in the current age. Please choose one specific principle that you believe in and describe, in 750 words or less, a concrete project that you would like to undertake this summer to would advance that principle in the public, communal, or intellectual arena.
3. Submit a Resume/CV
 4. Submit a transcript
 5. Submit a writing sample
 6. Upload a headshot

Award amount: \$5,500

Application due: February

<https://tikvahfund.org/beren-fellowship/overview/>

Wiener Educational Center 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 or Rabbinic ordination or 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, except for 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: January

<https://www.ujafedny.org/resources/scholarships-fellowships>

eLearner Military Scholarship Essay Contest

<https://www.elearners.com/scholarships/military-scholarships/>

In order to apply to the Military Scholarship Program, you will be required to submit a 250 word response to the following essay question about your service:

How has your military service better prepared you to enhance your education?

The deadline to submit your application is February. Notification will occur on or around May.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be military active duty, honorably discharged, veteran, or a spouse from any branch of the military. This contest is open only to those legal residents of the United States and the District of Columbia who are currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2018) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning (college, university, or trade school).

Please refer to [Official Scholarship Rules](#) for more information.

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

www.petersons.com – Comprehensive list of scholarships

www.scholarshipstreet.com – Scholarship Street offers more addresses for general scholarships, a scholarship tracking tool, and advice for finding scholarships

Also check with your local JCCs, Federations, and Synagogues for scholarship options

Other Resources:

<https://www.hillel.org/college-guide/hillel-scholarships>

<http://www.scholarships.com>

<http://www.free-4u.com/jewish.htm>

<http://edu.fastweb.com>

<http://www.collegescholarships.org>

<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 <https://alumni.usc.edu/lambda/scholarships/>

USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work Scholarships

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

<https://dworakpeck.usc.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid>

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

<https://priceschool.usc.edu/students/scholarships/#Grad>

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

<https://graduateschool.usc.edu/fellowships/scholarships-for-masters-students/>

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

<https://staffassembly.usc.edu/scholarships/>

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 include 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

<https://www.cswe.org/centers-initiatives/cswe-scholarships-and-fellowships/carl-a-scott-memorial/>