THE NEIL AND LEAH SILVER ADVANCED DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

GRADUATE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2025 - 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Neil and Leah Silver Advanced Degree Scholarship provides financial support for Jewish students from the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley's service area to attend an accredited university graduate school program.

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GENERAL INFORMATION CHECKLIST – GRADUATE APPLICATION

General Information:

An applicant must be a Jewish student from our Federation service area, enrolling in or attending a graduate program at an accredited university. This Scholarship is available to full-time and part-time students.

It is the applicant's responsibility to submit the compiled application and required materials to the Scholarship Committee on or before May 5, 2025 for the 2025-2026 academic year. Applications that are incomplete or missing documentation as of May 5, 2025 may not be considered. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all documents from third parties are received by the deadline.

Instructions:

The following should be included in the application:

- A. A typed essay of no more than 500 words addressing your connection to the St. Joseph Valley Jewish community and your intended career goals as a result of obtaining an advanced degree.
- B. Three supporting letters of recommendation from people who know you and can share an informed assessment of your past experience and future potential. Please do not ask a relative to write a recommendation. At least one of the letters should be a recommendation from an undergraduate professor (for applicants who graduated more than 8 years ago, you may substitute an employer recommendation for the undergraduate professor recommendation).
- C. Copy of official acceptance letter to an accredited university graduate program.
- D. Copy of undergraduate transcript. Be sure the following are included:
 - 1. All courses
 - 2. Undergraduate overall G.P.A.
 - 3. The college degree you received and your major
 - 4. The date/anticipated date of your undergraduate degree
- E. If you are already enrolled in the graduate program for which you seek this Scholarship, please include a graduate school transcript with the same information listed in paragraph D, above.
- F. Financial aid information: complete the applicant's budget form. All financial aid information will be kept confidential and will be seen only by Scholarship Committee members and the Jewish Federation administrative staff.
- G. Acceptance of any awarded scholarship indicates an agreement by recipient to attend the university graduate program indicated in the application.

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Application must be filled out and submitted before **May 5** preceding the academic year for which funds are sought.

Send application to: **JEWISH FEDERATION OF ST. JOSEPH VALLEY**

3202 SHALOM WAY SOUTH BEND, IN 46615

Or email a PDF of your application to louise@thejewishfed.org

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GRADUATE PROGRAM FINANCES

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Recommendation for the Neil and Leah Silver Advanced Degree Scholarship Fund

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