

**THE NEIL AND LEAH SILVER
ADVANCED DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP
FUND**

**GRADUATE
APPLICATION
2021**

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JEWISH FEDERATION OF ST. JOSEPH VALLEY
3202 SHALOM WAY, SOUTH BEND, IN 46615**

GENERAL INFORMATION CHECKLIST – GRADUATE APPLICATION

General Information:

An applicant must be a Jewish student from our Federation service area, enrolling in or attending an accredited university graduate program.

It is the applicant's responsibility to submit the compiled application and required materials to the Scholarship Committee on or before **April 1, 2021** preceding the academic year for which funds are sought. **Any applications that are incomplete or missing documentation as of April 1, 2021 will not be considered. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all documents from third parties are submitted by the deadline.**

Specific Data:

The following should be included in the application folder:

- A. A typed essay of no more than 500 words on an attached sheet. The subject should include your intended career goals as a result of obtaining an advanced degree; your connection to the St. Joseph Valley community; what would a Scholarship mean to you personally; how you remain and plan to continue to remain connected to the Jewish community.
- B. Three supporting letters of recommendation from non-relatives of applicant's choice (see forms.) At least one of the letters should be a recommendation from an undergraduate professor or your supervisor at your place of employment.
- C. Copy of official acceptance letter to 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
 - 4. The date degree received or anticipated date
 - 5. Awards or Honors
- E. Financial aid information: complete the applicant's budget form. (See forms.) All financial aid information will be kept confidential and will be seen only by Scholarship Committee members.
- F. Acceptance of any awarded scholarship indicates an agreement by recipient to attend the university indicated as a full-time student for the entire academic year. Dropping out or dropping below full-time status will void the scholarship.

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Send application to: **JEWISH FEDERATION OF ST. JOSEPH VALLEY**
3202 SHALOM WAY
SOUTH BEND, IN 46615
Or email a PDF of your application to emilyb@thejewishfed.org.

Please type. Handwritten forms are not accepted:

Today's date: _____ Academic Year for which funds are sought: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____
(Street, City, State, Zip)

Primary Phone Number _____ Date of Birth: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Name of University you attend or plan to attend: _____

Degree sought and field of study: _____

List the referees to whom you are giving the reference forms to be completed. Select your referees carefully.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____
(Street, City, State, Zip)

Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____
(Street, City, State, Zip)

Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____
(Street, City, State, Zip)

Relationship: _____

Your Occupation/Industry: _____

Your marital status:

Single____ Married____ Widowed____ Divorced____ Separated____

Spouse's name (if applicable): _____ DOB: _____

Occupation/Industry: _____

INCOME

Total Household Wages (check appropriate range):

Under \$25,000 _____

\$25,000 – \$64,000 _____

\$65,000 – \$99,000 _____

\$100,000 or Above _____

Do you have children for whom you have direct financial responsibility: Yes____ No____

If yes, please list names and ages:

Other income (child support, alimony, investment income, etc.):

CURRENT EXPENSES (fill in applicable expenses)

Housing: Own ____ Rent ____

Monthly Rent/Mortgage Payment: _____

Average Monthly Utilities (include Condo/Association fees): _____

Monthly Car Payments: _____

Total Credit Card Debt: _____

Total Student Loans: _____

Any unusual financial circumstances (medical, dental, adult dependents, etc.):

GRADUATE PROGRAM FINANCES

Expenses:

Annual tuition and fees: _____

Room and board (if applicable): _____

Books and supplies: _____

Other expenses: _____

Academic Income:

University scholarships, grants: _____

Other sources of grants/income: _____

Do you anticipate that your annual employment income will change as a result of your becoming a graduate student? Yes ____ No ____ Unsure ____

Please explain your answer: _____

Employment

Please list your employment history, beginning with your current or most recent job (use extra paper if necessary).

Employer	Position	Dates	Hrs/Wk

Awards and Honors

Attach an additional sheet if necessary:

Organization/Activity	Award/Honor	Dates

Community/Volunteer Involvement

Please list your major volunteer involvement activities in the Jewish and general communities. Attach an additional sheet if necessary:

Organization/Activity	Position	Dates	Hours/month

Applicant's Budget and Financial Analysis

School Expenses		Income	
University tuition and fees	\$	Parental contribution	\$
Room & board (if applicable)	\$	Job earnings	\$
Books and supplies	\$	Expected school-year earnings	\$
Other	\$	University scholarships, grants	\$
Total	\$	Total	\$

Signature: _____

Date: _____

