

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

**GRADUATE
APPLICATION
2024**

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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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. 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 1, 2024** preceding the academic year for which funds are sought. **Any applications that are incomplete or missing documentation as of May 1, 2024 will 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. At least one of the letters should be a recommendation from an undergraduate professor (for applicants who graduated more than 8 years ago, an employer recommendation may suffice).
- 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. 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.
- F. Acceptance of any awarded scholarship indicates an agreement by recipient to attend the university graduate program indicated in the application.

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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 sheria@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: _____

Graduate degree sought and field of study: _____

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

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 marital status:

Single____ Married/Partnered____ Widowed____ Divorced____ Separated____

- Spouse's/Partner's name (if applicable): _____ DOB: _____

- Please provide information about your spouse's/partner's work (employer, nature of work, position/title)_____

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 and indicate if these are particularly related to the Jewish community.. 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 or other family contribution (please identify source)	\$
Room & board (if applicable)	\$	Job earnings	\$
Books and supplies	\$	Expected school-year earnings	\$
Other	\$	University scholarships, grants	\$
Total	\$	Total	\$

Signature: _____

Date: _____

