

Indianapolis Bureau of Jewish Education Endowment Jewish Studies Scholarship Application

Background

The Bureau of Jewish Education served the Greater Indianapolis Jewish community as the central agency for Jewish Education for over a century. The organization suspended operations in 2018. In an effort to continue its mission of providing community-based Jewish learning, a scholarship has been created to annually award a graduating high school senior who has been accepted to post-secondary education, to continue and expand their Jewish learning. This scholarship is one of several academic scholarships offered under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

Selection Criteria

Selection and awarding of the \$1800 scholarship criteria to one graduating high school senior to be based on the following criteria.

- Enrollment and/or participation in post B'nai Mitzvah formal Jewish learning (i.e. completion of synagogue Confirmation program, Hebrew language classes in high school, online course completion for an accredited Jewish institution)
- Involvement, post B'nai Mitzvah, in Jewish learning/education leadership (i.e. serve as a madrich/madricha, counselor in a Jewish camp setting, leadership in youth group education)
- Desire to further Jewish learning during collegiate career (i.e. Israel study trip, Jewish Studies course work)
- Ability to share Jewish learning experiences with community youth, serve as a mentor, or leader in formal or informal Jewish learning during collegiate career

This scholarship is not needs based; selection will be based on stated criteria.

The application deadline is April 1. Submission application must include the following:

Submission Process

- 1) Cover sheet with demographic information.
 - i) Name
 - ii) Mailing Address
 - iii) Email
 - iv) Cell Number
 - v) Current High School
 - vi) Current High School GPA (as of submission date)
 - vii) College/University accepted to (or planning to attend)
- 2) List and provide a brief description of post B'nai Mitzvah formal and informal Jewish education experiences you participated in. Within the description, please explain the purpose of the educational program and what you gained from participation or leadership.
- 3) List and provide a brief description of roles you had in teaching, leadership and/or developing Jewish learning experiences in our community. In your description, include the setting (i.e. synagogue, camp, school), your role, types of activities you were responsible for, program director and/or instructor you worked with. Samples of your work are welcome.
- 4) Short essay discussing your reasons for participating in formal Jewish education following high school graduation and personal goals to be accomplished because of the formal education experience.
- 5) A minimum of two (2) recommendation letters from an educator, rabbi, cantor, youth group director, or program director.
- 6) Final candidates will have a personal interview with the Committee. Date and time to be determined.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Greenwald. Completed applications should be sent to Sheila Greenwald **by April 1.**

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