

## **Louise Eatroff Memorial College Scholarship Fund**

### **The Award**

The Scholarships offered by the Louise Eatroff Memorial College Scholarship Fund provide funding for:

- Tuition and Fees
- Room and Board

Each intended Scholarship award is the total actual annual costs (after application of any available Bright Futures Scholarship), up to a Maximum Limit. The goal is to fund the entire annual cost of tuition, fees, room and board (after application of any available Bright Futures Scholarship) for each student chosen for up to four consecutive years of undergraduate study.

Each Scholarship is payable directly to the respective school on the respective recipient's behalf. The scholarship may not be deferred by a recipient.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible to compete for the scholarship, an individual must:

- Graduate from high school in the same academic year he/she will begin college, (between 12/1 of the previous year and 8/31 of the year in which the scholarship is awarded)
- Have earned a cumulative high school GPA of 3.00 or better (which must be satisfied as of the date of submission of the scholarship application). An up to date transcript must be submitted with the application. If the student is awarded the scholarship, in order to be eligible to actually receive the scholarship, the student also must have continued to maintain a cumulative high school GPA of 3.00 or better as of the time of graduation from high school.
- Have applied for admission into a 4 year full-time bachelor's degree program at an accredited public in-state Florida college or university (start date no later than 9/30 of the year in which the scholarship is to be awarded).
- Be a United States citizen, a permanent resident of Hillsborough County, Florida, and a member of the Jewish faith.
- Demonstrate financial need as set forth in the financial guidelines in the application.

In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements, applicants must demonstrate accomplishments in leadership and/or community service and/or obstacle(s) overcome. This can be done in several ways and must include one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or administrator. All applicants must also submit a 500 word essay. Although not a requirement for eligibility, favorable consideration will be given to

applicants who attended the Jewish Community Center Preschool in Hillsborough County, Florida.

(Once a student is awarded the scholarship, in order to be eligible for renewal of the scholarship in each or any of the remaining three years of the student's enrollment at the college/university, the student must maintain a minimum cumulative college GPA of 3.00, in addition to continuing to meet the above described eligibility requirements. The requirement for maintaining such a minimum cumulative GPA may only be waived by the selection committee upon appeal by the current scholarship recipient. The decision of the selection committee as to whether to grant a waiver shall be at the sole discretion of the selection committee, may only be for a period not to exceed one academic semester, and shall only be granted for unusual and/or extenuating circumstances such as personal or family issues or illness)

### **Additional Award Conditions**

If a student who is awarded a scholarship makes any changes to his or her enrollment after receiving an installment and before the end of the semester to which the installment relates, the student must notify the selection committee (or a representative thereof). If the student no longer satisfies the conditions of the scholarship, the student may be required to repay the installment.

A student who is awarded a scholarship may be asked to participate in limited activities to promote the scholarship, including public speaking, donor liaison, media interviews and photographs.

In order to receive a scholarship that is awarded, the student must acknowledge that he/she is accepting the terms and conditions of the scholarship as set forth herein.

### **Selection Process**

The application process opens on **November 1 and closes on February 15** of the year in which one or more scholarships will be awarded. Applicants should go to Eatroff Memorial College Scholarship at [www.jewishtampa.com](http://www.jewishtampa.com) to download the application. After February 16, all timely submitted applications will be reviewed and semi-finalists will be selected. Semi-finalists may be asked to provide additional documentation no later than March 31. After the semi-finalists' information is received, an independent selection committee will meet to select the recipient(s) as well as any first and second runner-ups. Even if funds are available and there are applicants who meet the minimum criteria for the award of a scholarship, the selection committee shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, not to award any scholarships (or all scholarships that otherwise could be awarded) in any particular year. Any and all decisions of the selection committee will be final.

Each Louise Eatroff Memorial College Scholarship winner will be notified no later than May 31, with each respective award being conditioned on the selection committee's receipt of proof of the respective recipient's admission to a qualified college or university.

### **Scholarship Timeline**

- Application process opens November 1
- Application process closes February 15
- Semifinalists are asked to provide additional documentation by March 31
- Selected student(s) notified by May 31