

Higher Education Scholarships - 2025/2026

Oregon Jewish Community Foundation - Scholarship

INSTRUCTIONS

Note: Please contact us if you need access to this form in another language or other accommodations to complete this application.

This is a common application for the following scholarships:

The **Julie Diamond Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2021 to honor Julie Diamond upon her retirement as OJCF's President & CEO. Soon after, Julie passed away and the fund very quickly grew to more than \$100,000.

The **Rebecca and Sada Tarshis Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2002 through a legacy gift from the Tarshis sisters to provide tuition assistance to Jewish students for higher education.

The **Gus and Lola Rosenblatt Memorial Scholarship** was created through the estate of Lola Rosenblatt for Jewish male identifying students from Oregon, attending school within Oregon.

The **Lester & Annette Goldschmidt Hillel Scholarship** was established by the Goldschmidts' children. To be eligible for one of these two \$1,800 scholarships, a student must be a Jewish resident of Oregon and attend the University of Oregon.

The **Singer Foundation Scholarship** is intended for Jewish individuals who are graduates (or the equivalent) of public high schools in Oregon for use in pursuit of full-time post-secondary education. Recipients can renew the scholarship automatically for up to three additional years of full-time study, provided the recipient maintains a 3.0 grade point average.

The **Arthur P. Krichevsky Memorial Scholarship** was established through a bequest from Mr. Krichevsky to further Jewish education.

*The majority of Krichevsky scholarship funds will be allocated to day school support, provided directly to schools, not to individual students.

Please note, priority is given to applicants who demonstrate financial need; however all are welcome to apply. Your Student Aid Index (SAI) is required to be considered for scholarships

and calculated using the information you provide on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. Your SAI will be listed on your FAFSA Submission Summary. If needed, you must provide income verification if requested by OJCF. The office will be in contact if additional information is needed.

A completed application will include:

One letter of reference *received by March 29.*

- This must be from a staff member or lay leader of a Jewish organization. Examples of lay leaders are educators, youth advisors, and board members.
- You will request this by sending an email through our system.

Official transcript needs to be *received by March 29.*

- Your school may email it to lauriek@ojcf.org or mail it to:
 - o Oregon Jewish Community Foundation
 - o Higher Education Scholarship Program
 - o 1618 SW First Ave., Ste. 210
 - o Portland, OR 97201-5721

Essay

- What is your connection to Oregon's Jewish community? How has it impacted your life? Maximum of 2,000 characters, including spaces.

Tuition and fee statement.

- If your individual statement is not available, include a printout (by PDF) from the school's website.
- If information has not been published for the upcoming year, include this information for the current year.

If you are unsure of which school you are attending in the fall, please choose the school you are most likely to attend. We will confirm your enrollment in August and send scholarships directly to the school of your enrollment. Awards will be sent directly to schools in August 2025

Optional: Is there any additional information you would like the selection committee members to know. This could include financial situations not reflected on the FAFSA or other information not covered in the application. This statement is not required and will not have any negative effect on the application if left blank

For questions, please contact Laurie Kays at lauriek@ojcf.org or 503.248.9328.

ELIGIBILITY

Are you a Jewish resident of Oregon or Clark County, WA?*

You are considered a resident if:

- You have lived in Oregon or Clark County, WA for at least 12 months before registering for college.
- You moved to Oregon or Clark County, WA for reasons other than to attend college.
- You are claimed as a dependent by someone who meets the above criteria *or* are financially independent and meet the above criteria.
- You are a permanent U.S. resident and meet the above criteria.

You are considered a nonresident if:

- You enrolled in college at least half-time within 12 months of moving to Oregon or Clark County, WA.
- You are claimed as a dependent by someone who is not a resident.
- Your primary source of financial support comes from someone living outside Oregon or Clark County, WA.

AND

2. Will you attend an accredited higher-educational institution based in the U.S. during the 2025/2026 academic year on at least a half-time basis?

Choices

Yes

No. STOP. You are not eligible for any scholarship.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Is your contact information correct?*

Return to the dashboard using the 'house' icon above. Check your contact information and update as needed.

Choices

Yes

No

First & Last Name*

Character Limit: 50

Gender*

Character Limit: 20

Pronouns*Character Limit: 20***Date of Birth****Character Limit: 10***City of Residence****Character Limit: 50***Scholarship ID***

Enter the first initial of your first name and last name followed by your eight-digit birthdate. For example, Sam Cohen born on 05/07/2001 will enter SC05072001.

*Character Limit: 10***FINANCIAL INFORMATION (STUDENT)**

Your occupation**Character Limit: 50***Marital status*****Choices**

no

divorced/separated

married

single

widowed

Spouse's name*Character Limit: 50***Spouse's occupation***Character Limit: 50***What is your SAI?****Character Limit: 20***Are you considered a dependant on any tax return?*****Choices**

Yes

No

What was your household combined adjusted gross income? **

If you are a student living at home and reported as a dependent, use the information from that household. If the combined adjusted gross income exceeds \$150,000 you are considered low priority for a scholarship from OJCF. You may still be eligible for scholarships through the Oregon [Office of Student Access and Completion](#) (OSAC).

Character Limit: 20

How many people are in your household?*

Character Limit: 2

How many people in your household will be attending college in the upcoming academic year?

Include anyone attending college at least half-time. Do not include high school students taking college courses.

Character Limit: 2

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

What scholarships have you been AWARDED for the upcoming year? List names and amounts.*

If none, write n/a.

Character Limit: 250

What scholarships have APPLIED FOR for the upcoming year? List names and amounts.*

If none, write n/a.

Character Limit: 250

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of Institution- If you are unsure, please enter your first choice*

Character Limit: 100

What system does your institution follow?***Choices**

Semester

Quarter

Enter the school's mailing address for tuition payments. This may be the bursar's office, registrar's office, cashier's office, etc.

Mailing Address*

Character Limit: 50

City*

Character Limit: 50

State*

Character Limit: 2

Zip*

Character Limit: 5

Student ID, if issued (assigned by the school)

Character Limit: 50

What degree will you be working toward?*

Choices

associate's degree

bachelor's degree

post-baccalaureate certificate

graduate or other advanced degree

Major/Field of Study- If you are unsure, share with us what areas of study you are considering*

Character Limit: 250

Minor, if any

Character Limit: 50

Anticipated Graduation Date*

Character Limit: 10

GPA (cumulative, unweighted)*

Character Limit: 20

Will you be a full-time student?*

Choices

full-time

half-time

less than half-time

What year will you be in your studies this fall?*

Choices

1st year undergraduate

2nd year undergraduate

3rd year undergraduate

4th year undergraduate

5th year+ undergraduate

Graduate or other professional school student

What is the base tuition + mandatory fees for your field of study?*

Do not include room, board, books, labs, travel, or other expenses. If this has not been published for the upcoming year, cite the most recently published amount.

Character Limit: 20

What is the estimated expenses required for your field of study?*

Include books and labs. Do not include the cost of personal computers.

Character Limit: 20

Did you submit a transcript request to your school?*

Choices

yes

no

ACTIVITIES

Each activity must include:

- Category: School, Volunteer or Paid Work History
- A short title for the activity
- Frequency: One-time, seasonal, or ongoing
- Date From: Month and year of when you first began the activity
- Dates To: use 'present' if you are currently doing the activity, or enter month and year when you last did the activity
- Weekly hours: number of hours per week; give your best estimate
- A description of responsibilities and/or accomplishments associated with the activity (up to 250 characters)

1)Be brief. Pinpoint activities where you showed leadership, decision-making, and organizational skills, and areas where you received special recognition

2)Limited to 10 activities

Activities

Category: School, Volunteer, or Paid	Activity Title	Frequency: One-time, seasonal, or ongoing	Dates: From(month/year) to when you last	Description of responsibilities and or accomplishments
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Work History			did the activity (month/year)	

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent Name 1:*

Character Limit: 50

Occupation of Parent 1:*

Character Limit: 50

Parent Name 2:

Character Limit: 50

Occupation of Parent 2:

Character Limit: 50

Marital status*

Choices

divorced/separated

married

single

widowed

REFERENCE INFORMATION

One reference letter is required from a staff member or lay leader of a synagogue or other Jewish organization. Examples of lay leaders are educators, youth advisors, and board or committee members. You will request this letter electronically in the following section.

Name of Reference*

Character Limit: 50

Relationship to Student*

Character Limit: 50

Email*

Character Limit: 254

Phone*

Character Limit: 10

ESSAYS

What is your connection to Oregon's Jewish community? How has it impacted your life?*

Character Limit: 2000

ATTACHMENTS

See the "Instructions" section above for details about these required attachment.

Tuition and fee schedule*

File Size Limit: 5 MB

FAFSA Official SAI*

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Optional: Letter of special circumstances

File Size Limit: 5 MB

SIGNATURE

Publicity Release*

If selected to receive a scholarship, I give permission to OJCF and the scholarship donor or representative to publicize the award through a press release, media story, report, or other promotional materials. OJCF encourages award recipients to share their stories to help the public better understand the importance and value of supporting scholarships for students. OJCF will not share your information with marketing entities.

Choices

Yes

No

Privacy Agreement*

I authorize OJCF to share my application with scholarship processing and review staff, donors, and selection committees for the purpose of determining eligibility and selecting awardees. I understand that by providing an email address, I am giving OJCF permission to provide me with application status updates or general reminders by email.

Choices

Yes

No

By typing your name below, you affirm that the information you provided is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. Misrepresentation or omissions of material facts are grounds for disqualification. Further, you understand that the reference letter and official transcript must be received by March 29 or the application will be declined.

Electronic Signature*

Type your full legal name and today's date. (Must be at least 18 years old to sign.)

Character Limit: 250

REQUEST REFERENCE

Your Email Message to Reference Writer*

In the field below type the address of the one person who will submit a letter on your behalf, then compose a message to this person. Your message will be followed by an automated message from us with instructions to upload the letter directly into your application online. Your message should state your name and address and include the reason you are asking for this reference. You may want to emphasize that your application will not be considered unless a reference is received by the March 29 deadline.

Character Limit: 254

Thank you for providing this reference letter and for your leadership in our community. In your letter, please state your relationship to the student and reflect on their openness to new experiences, willingness to learn, interpersonal skills, and emotional maturity. Additionally reflect on their prospective future role in the Jewish community.

Recommendation letter must be received on or before March 29 or the student's application will be declined.

For questions, please contact Laurie Kays at lauriek@ojcf.org or 503.248.9328.

 **Your Name***

Character Limit: 50

 **Email***

Character Limit: 254

 **Phone***

Character Limit: 10

 **Student's Name***

Character Limit: 50

 **Relationship to Student***

Character Limit: 50

 **Upload Letter***

File Size Limit: 5 MB