

Scholarships & Grants

for Graduate Students Pursuing Degrees in Jewish Studies

National & International

Hillel International Scholarships

- Hillel International provides scholarships for students who identify as Jewish and are pursuing a BA or a higher degree at an accredited college or university in the US and Canada.
- The two scholarships that graduate students are eligible for are the [Sandy and Jack Cohen Scholarship](#) and the [Lily E. Reiser Graduate Student Award](#). Both of these scholarships award a one-time amount of \$5,000.
- Applications for scholarships are currently closed for the 2025–2026 school year. Applications will open again in January 2026 for the 2026–2027 academic year.

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Grant – Doctoral Seminar

- This is a highly competitive program that runs from September to May. It aims to create an international network of emerging scholars and foster the next generation of academics working in Jewish Studies by providing financial assistance and peer and professional support.
- Eligibility forms for the 2026–2027 funding year are currently closed.
- Grantees receive \$10,000 to support their research, study, and writing.

JDC Archives Fellowships

These competitive fellowships fund students doing research at the JDC Archives. Applications are now open for the 2026–7 academic year through February 9, 2026.

- **The Fred and Ellen Lewis Fellowships:** 2 fellowships awarded each year to “deserving scholars engaged in graduate level, post-doctoral, or independent study to conduct research in the JDC Archives.” \$2,500 awarded per fellow.
- **The Ruth and David Musher Fellowship:** 1 fellowship awarded per year at \$2,500.
- **The Sorrell and Lorraine Chesin Fellowship:** This fellowship supports students conducting research at the JDC archives who “have deep roots in the field of higher education, as well as a long-time commitment to academic research and scholarship.” 1 fellowship granted per year at \$2,500.
- **The Max and Cecil (Steuer) Chesin Fellowship:** 1 fellowship awarded per year at \$2,500 to a “deserving scholar from outside of the United States engaged in graduate level, post-doctoral, or independent study to conduct research in the JDC Archives.”



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Regional Resources

[JCFS Chicago](#)

- JCFS offers scholarships to fund Jewish college and graduate students living in metropolitan Chicago or who intend to move back to metro Chicago after completing their degree.
- Scholarships range up to \$4,000 per year.

[Dallas Jewish Community Federation](#)

The Dallas Community Federation offers a host of scholarships to students living in the Dallas, Denton, or Collin County. Applications for the 2026–2027 academic year will open in January 2026. Among the scholarships available for graduate students are:

- **Barbara Calick and Deborah Levy Scholarship Fund of the DJCF** – 2 awards of \$3,785.
- **David L. Goodman Scholarship Fund of the DJCF** – 4 awards of \$5,685.
- **Bill Jayson Jewish Studies Scholarship Fund of the DJCF**
- **Ben and Dorothy Lewis Scholarship Fund of the DJCF** – \$900 for a student pursuing a career as a Jewish community professional.
- **Frances Olsan Scholarship Fund of the DJCF** – \$1,000
- **Fanny Schaenen Scholarship Fund of the DJCF** – Awards \$1,312 to provide a scholarship for a deserving Jewish student enrolled in an institution of higher learning.

[Jewish Federation of Delaware](#)

To be eligible, you need to be from Delaware or studying in Delaware.

- The **Jewish Fund for the Future Scholarship Fund** is targeted toward post-college level studies in Jewish communal service, Jewish education, Jewish studies, Rabbinical or Cantorial degrees.
- Awards range from \$250 to \$1,000.

[Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia](#)

- **Ida Foreman Fleisher Fund:** This fund provides scholarships for women, preferably Jewish, who wish to pursue a graduate degree. Eligibility is limited to women who have a hometown or attend school in the Greater Philadelphia area, including New Jersey and Delaware." Grants range from \$2,000–\$8,000.
- Scholarship applications for the 2026–2027 year will open on March 1, 2026.

[JSSA](#)

- This covers students in Montgomery County, MD, Fairfax County, VA, and Washington, DC.
- The application for scholarships for the 2025–2026 academic year is now closed. The application for the 2026–2027 academic year will open in February 2026.
- **JSSA Educational Scholarship for Graduate Students**
- Awards \$1,000–\$3,000
- Must be under the age of 30 to be eligible.
- Must be a Montgomery County resident.
- Must be accepted into an accredited graduate program.

[Jewish Scholarship Service of Greater Pittsburgh](#)

- Must reside in the Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, Washington or Westmorland counties.
- Demonstrated financial need is a primary criterion in evaluation applicants.
- Students enrolled in graduate programs are eligible.



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