



2020-2021 JFS- David Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship Guidelines, Criteria and Application

Application postmark deadline April 9, 2021

The JFS-David Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship is a private scholarship program established by Dr. Robert Rubenstein in memory of his son David. The program annually grants between 20-30 scholarships of up to \$5,000. The JFS-David Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship seeks to encourage young people to treasure their Jewish heritage, reflect on their Jewish values, and better understand their connection to the community.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must:

- Identify as Jewish.
- Be a legal and permanent resident of San Diego County for at least two years by the start of the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Be a U.S. Citizen or documented legal permanent U.S. resident (green card)
- Plan to attend school full-time at an approved college, university, technical, or vocational school in the United States in the Fall Semester of 2021
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Demonstrate financial need indicated by an adjusted gross family income not to exceed \$100,000 for families with three or more children, \$90,000 for families with two children, and \$80,000 for families with one child.
- Plan to contribute towards their own education through part-time work before or during the academic year, (unpaid internships or volunteer work are also acceptable)

Application Requirements

Applications are complete and valid only when **ALL** documents have been submitted in one package. Please do not staple documents together. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. **Verify that you have enclosed the following information before submitting your application:**

- ☐ **Completed typed Application Form**
- ☐ **Copy of your most recent transcripts.**
- ☐ **Essay:** Submit a 350-500 word, 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced essay on one of the topics provided below.
- ☐ **Letters of Recommendation:** Submit two letters of recommendation from a non-family member. Note: Letters should be on official letterhead and must contain the writer's full name, title, address, phone number and email address. Please be certain that the letter is current and addressed to the Scholarship Committee.
- ☐ **Income Tax Return (Form 1040):** Submit a copy of the first two pages of the 2019 tax return. A student's status as dependent or independent will be based on the guidelines set forth by the College Scholarship Service. For a student age 24 or younger, to have "independent" status, the student's parents cannot have claimed him or her as "dependent" on their Income Tax Returns for the two (2) years prior to the year of college attendance. If parents are divorced, income tax forms from both parents are required.
- ☐ **Financial Aid/Student Loans:** Submit a copy of the School Financial Aid Award Notice as well as copies of the College Scholarship Service's Student Aid Report (SAR) and documentation of determinations regarding federal, state, and private aid, as soon as they become available.
- ☐ **Recorded Interview Video:** Submit a recorded video of yourself answering interview questions developed by our scholarship committee. More detailed instructions provided below.

Fillable PDF Instructions

- Before you begin, ensure that you have the most recent version of Adobe Acrobat Reader. The most current version can be downloaded for free from the Adobe® Web site.
 - To download the file directly to your computer, right click on the link, then select "save link as" or "save target as" from the dropdown options. Make a note of the location on your drive and the name of the file being saved so you can locate it later.
 - There is no computation, validation or verification of the information you enter. Some information, such as signatures are required to be handwritten on the form.
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Selecting Scholarship Recipients

- The JFS-David Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship recipients are carefully chosen based on a variety of criteria by the Scholarship Committee. All applicants will be notified in writing of the JFS-David Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship Committees decision.
 - Students are eligible to receive up to a total of four (4) years of the JFS-David Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship funding, and the funding years do not have to be consecutive. Scholarships are made on a year-to-year basis and are NOT automatically renewed. Scholarship recipients must submit a new application and the required documentation in compliance with the application deadlines, stated herein, for each year that they seek funding.
 - Jewish Family Service reserves the right to publicize the names of the Scholarship recipients through our website, print publications, and local media.
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Scholarship Disbursement

- Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the academic institution the student is attending solely for use towards qualifying academic expenses, including tuition, room and board, books, school fees, or required academic supplies/equipment. Scholarship awards will not be paid to the student.
 - You must submit a copy of your Fall 2021 transcript.
 - All selected scholarship recipients are required to submit a thank you letter to the donor(s) no later than September 30, 2021. Scholarship disbursements will not be made until the thank you letter is received.
 - You are expected to attend the Scholarship Recognition Brunch to be held in December 2021/January 2022. An invitation will be sent to recipients confirming the exact date.
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Submit Completed Application and Supporting Documents

By Mail

Jewish Family Service of San Diego
JOAN & IRWIN JACOBS CAMPUS
Turk Family Center
8804 Balboa Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123-1506
Attention: Rubenstein Scholarship

By Email

scholarship@jfssd.org

Questions? Email scholarship@jfssd.org.



2020-2021 JFS- David Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Primary Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Are you a U.S. citizen or legal resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Month and Year your San Diego residency began ____/____

Do you identify as Jewish? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How did you hear about the Scholarship Program?

Have you ever received a JFS-David Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please complete the returning applicant application.

Competitive applicants will have demonstrated active Jewish community engagement. Please describe your involvement with Jewish communal activities (including dates and offices held).

CURRENT ACADEMICS

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cumulative GPA (UNWEIGHTED on 4.0 scale): _____

Cumulative GPA (WEIGHTED with AP, IB and honors classes): _____

Please list your extracurricular activities (including dates and offices held):

Please list awards and honors you have received (including dates):

If you were unable to participate in activities, explain the reason(s) and how you otherwise spent your time:

FALL 2021 EDUCATIONAL PLANS

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I will: ☐ live on campus ☐ live off campus ☐ commute from home

If school is a public institution, applicant will pay: ☐ in-state resident tuition ☐ out-of-state-tuition

Degree sought: _____ Major or course of study: _____

If you haven't been accepted to a college, please list the colleges you have applied to:

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____ 4th Choice: _____

APPLICANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Describe any significant work experience with your most recent position listed first. Work experience may include unpaid internships to get experience in a career field.

Employer: _____ Dates of Employment: _____ to _____

Position: _____ Monthly Earnings: \$ _____ Hours/week: _____

If you did not work, were you engaged in your community through volunteering?

Do you plan to work or volunteer during the 2021-2022 Academic Year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please explain:

ESSAY: Submit a 350-500 word, 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced essay on one of the following topics:

- What do you consider to be the single most important societal problem? Why?
- What is a challenge you have experienced this past academic year and how are you overcoming or coping with it?

GENERAL FAMILY INFORMATION - students under the age of 24 need to provide parent's marital and financial information.

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single, Never Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Remarried ☐ Domestic Partners

☐ Separated ☐ Divorced (if divorced or separated, complete questions a through e)

a. Date of divorce or separation (month and year): _____

b. Custodial parent: ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Joint Custody ☐ Custodial parent has remarried

c. Who claimed applicant as a tax dependent for 2019? ☐ Mother ☐ Father

d. How much will each parent pay for 2021-22 college expenses?

Mother \$ _____ Father \$ _____

e. Permission to contact: ☐ Parent/Guardian 1 ☐ Parent/Guardian 2 ☐ Both

Total # of individuals residing in household in 2019 (including you, parents, siblings and others): _____

Number of family members in household attending college in Fall 2021, INCLUDING you: _____

f. List family members in household currently attending college Fall 2021 and school, EXCLUDING you.

PARENT/GUARDIAN/SPOUSE INFORMATION

Relationship to applicant: _____ **Email:** _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

☐ Own ☐ Rent Monthly Payment \$ _____ Value of Home \$ _____ Mortgage Balance \$ _____

Most Recent Employer: _____ **Occupation:** _____

Work Phone: _____ **Salary:** \$ _____

List other income (per month): Social Security \$ _____ VA Benefits \$ _____

Rental Income \$ _____ **Investments** \$ _____ **Worker's Comp/Disability** \$ _____

Retirement \$ _____ **Other:** _____

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Retirement \$ _____ **Other:** _____

Students will be required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on FAFSA for 2021-22 academic year, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2019 income information, rather than their 2020 income information.

Have you submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

☐ Yes ☐ No, but I plan to apply ☐ No, and I do not plan to apply

If you do not plan to submit the FAFSA, please briefly explain why:

If you have submitted your FAFSA and have received your Student Aid Report (SAR), please enter your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) here: \$ _____

If you have any financial circumstances or need(s) that are not evident from the financial information such as recent changes in finances, personal or family hardship or other financial challenges, please briefly explain below:

BUDGET INFORMATION - List applicant's 2021-2022 school expenses and resources.

Resources for 2021-22 school year		Expenses for 2021-22 school year	
Parent(s)/Family Assistance	\$	Tuition/Fees	\$
Trusts/Inheritances/Investments	\$	Room and Board	\$
Savings	\$	Book and Supplies	\$
Employment	\$	Travel	\$
Grant or Scholarship Awards	\$	Other (please detail)	\$
Aid, Stipends, Fellowships	\$		\$
Work Study	\$		\$
Loans (Parent Plus, etc.)	\$		\$
Total Resources		Total Expenses	
TOTAL BUDGETED NEED (Expenses minus resources)			\$

I acknowledge all scholarship decisions are final. I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in the termination of any award granted.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Limited Directory Release (optional)

If selected, I authorize JFSSD to share limited contact information (first name, last name, and email address) to the JFS-David Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship donors and other local Jewish organizational partners for the purposes of connecting recipients to local Jewish events and the Jewish community.

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 - What are you studying/planning to study? How did you become interested in your focus area?
OR
If you have not chosen an area of study yet, how do you plan to decide?
 - What influenced your choice of selecting the college/university you are attending in the Fall?
 - What do you hope to get out of your college experience?
 - How do you plan to stay engaged with the Jewish Community while in school?
 - How has COVID-19 affected or changed your plans for school next year?
 - If applicable, have you re-considered traveling out of state for school given the present pandemic?