

Quick Facts: 2026 JCF Scholarship Awards

Each spring, the Jewish Community Foundation, Inc. provides financial awards to students from South Jersey pursuing post-high school education or experiential travel. Here's how it works:

- Awards are available predominantly, though not exclusively, for individuals of Jewish faith.
- **Apply online**-- Get started at: www.jcfsnj.org/scholarships
- The application portal opens on or about December 15. The deadline to apply is **Friday, March 6, 2026 at 4:00 PM**. Award results will be announced by early May 2026.
- All applicants must reside in either Burlington, Camden, or Gloucester county (exception: JWV Post 126 Award).
- The JCF offers a variety of separate scholarship awards, each one with its own criteria. Applicants should review the criteria for each award and then apply for any awards for which they feel qualified. Applicants must submit all necessary documents (i.e. essays, transcripts, etc.) as required by each award's guidelines.
- Approximately \$45,000 in awards in total are available each year. Award amounts vary, generally ranging from \$500 and up. Applicants may receive multiple awards resulting in higher dollar amounts.
- Awards are primarily paid directly to the institution where students owe tuition. (Note: we encourage awardees to contact their bursar's office to ensure that their award does not get displaced.)
- Each award is provided to a recipient once, for students planning to use the award in the upcoming school year. Anybody may reapply in future years for awards to which they are qualified.
- A committee of JCF volunteers reviews and approves all awards. A reception will be held in June for awardees and their families to celebrate the occasion.



Questions? Visit jcfsnj.org/scholarships or contact the JCF at 856-673-2528 or mstaff@jfedsnj.org.



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JCF Scholarship Award Listing

The JCF offers annual scholarships, thanks to donors who created the following endowment funds (recipients must be residents of Burlington, Camden, or Gloucester counties, unless otherwise noted):

Award	Applicant Background
Stuart & Marylee Alperin Jewish Communal Service Professional Development Award	For individuals pursuing a career in Jewish Communal Service who are enrolled or planning to enroll in defined curriculum programs in accredited colleges and/or universities leading to a degree/certificate as preparation for a career in Jewish Communal Service; Preference for applicant related to a member in "good standing" at Congregation Kol Ami in Cherry Hill, NJ
Branfman Family Scholarship Award	For students of all faiths and backgrounds who plan to enroll or are currently enrolled in post-high school education in the United States
Patrice Faye Cohen Memorial Scholarship	Females, graduating high school, entrepreneurial interests
Jaclyn Ehrlich Travel Experience	For Jewish students ages 13+ who will attend any social action trip globally or Israel-based college or university related program or recognized summer program
Furer-Barag-Wolf Post 126 Jewish War Veterans Post Scholarship	Children/grandchildren of current or deceased members of the JWV Post 126 who are enrolled or will be enrolled in post-HS education
Valerie Gladfelter Scholarship	Merit-based, for Jewish women enrolled in or who plan to enroll in a college or university
Ben Lipitz Memorial Scholarship	Graduating H.S. seniors who participated in theater at Cherry Hill High Schools East or West and who will pursue a theater degree (acting or tech) for post-H.S. education
Colonel David Marcus Memorial Scholarship	For Jewish seniors in H.S., pursuing post-H.S. education (priority for governmental military academy, or Reserve Officers Training Command or similar type program by an accredited college or university)
Ed & Stacey Rivkin Aspiration Award	For Jewish individuals who will enroll in post-high school education while demonstrating financial need. Preference for students being raised in a single parent, foster parent, or orphaned environment.
Robert L. Schattner / Mildred Soefer / Student Opportunity Scholarship (I/M/O Arthur & Eleanor Klein, David Rivkin)	Financial need-based for Jewish students enrolled in/plan to enroll in a college or university
Seymour Siegel Youth Achievement	Graduating HS students who are Jewish, and orphans, foster children, or raised in single parent households; enrolled in post-secondary education
Leonard Jay Hirschfeld Memorial	Graduating HS students to purchase technology equipment or training
Freda & Sam Yacker Israel Experience	Jewish students aged 18-25 traveling to Israel for post-secondary education
Benjamin Asbell Youth Upsilon Lambda Phi Fraternity	9th-12th graders active in Jewish community, for personal enrichment, including Israel travel-- Important: award requires nomination