



2019-2020 JFS- David Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship Guidelines, Criteria and Application

Application postmark deadline April 24, 2019

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 15-20 scholarships of up to \$2,500. 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 is Jewish, and has been a legal and permanent resident of San Diego County for at least two years prior to submitting the application
- 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 of 2019
- Minimum 3.0 or better GPA
- Demonstrated financial contribution towards education (e.g. through part-time work).

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 you mail your application:

- **Completed typed Application Form**
- **Copy of your most recent transcripts.**
- **Essay:** Submit a 500-1,000 word, 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced essay on one of the following topics:
 - Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart.
 - Choose a person or persons you admire and explain why.
- **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 2017 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. Adjusted gross family income cannot 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.
- **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.

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.

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.

Scholarship Disbursement

- Scholarship funds can be used only to fund college tuition and/or related expenses.
- You must submit a copy of your fall 2018 transcript.
- You are expected to write a thank-you letter to the donor(s) of your scholarship and to attend a Recognition and Appreciation brunch in December 2019.

Mail Completed Application and Supporting Documents To

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

Questions? Contact Nancy Eisenberg at scholarship@jfssd.org or (858) 637-3037.

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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 Number of years lived in San Diego County: _____

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.

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 2019 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 CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

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

Employer: _____ Dates of Employment: _____ to _____

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

If you did not work, what did you do?

ESSAY: Submit a 500 - 1,000 word essay on one of the following topics:

- Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart.
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GENERAL FAMILY 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 2018? Mother Father
- d. How much will each parent pay for 2019-20 college expenses?
Mother \$ _____ Father \$ _____
- e. Permission to contact: Parent/Guardian 1 Parent/Guardian 2 Both

Total # of individuals residing in household in 2018 (including you, parents, siblings and others): _____

Number of family members in household attending college in Fall 2019, INCLUDING you: _____

f. List family members in household currently attending college Fall 2019 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: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

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

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Work Phone: _____ Salary: \$ _____

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

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

Retirement \$ _____ Other: _____

Students will be required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on FASFA for 2019-20 academic year, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2017 income information, rather than their 2018 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 FASFA 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 2019-2020 school expenses and resources.

Resources for 2019-20 school year		Expenses for 2019-20 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 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: _____