Levy Scholarships for Student Leaders Studying in Israel

The Julie and Ed Levy Jr. Endowed Fund for Scholarships for Student Leaders Studying in Israel offers scholarships for academic study in Israel and for enrichment activities for students at MSU before, during, or after study in Israel.

The Julie and Ed Levy Jr. Fund offers the Levy Scholarship for Study in Israel to students who meet the following criteria: they are enrolled at MSU and have completed at least one year of successful study prior to participation; they have a minimum grade point average of 3.0; they have demonstrated leadership skills or showed evidence of leadership potential; they present a purposeful plan of study in Israel.

Jewish and non-Jewish students are eligible for Levy Scholarships.

Applicants must submit a recommendation form (available on the Jewish Studies website) to the Director of Jewish Studies, 619 Red Cedar Road, C370 Wells Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824 addressing the criteria stated above. Each application should include up-to-date contact information -- name, local address, permanent address, phone numbers, e-mail address. The application essay should describe the student’s academic program and record at MSU, provide evidence of student leadership skill or potential, and briefly state why the student seeks to study in Israel. Each student should also submit a university transcript, faculty letter of recommendation, and brief plan of study, which identifies which university or program and what kinds of courses. (continued)
Scholarships are $2500 for summer, $3000 for a semester, and $5000 for an academic year applicable to tuition, room and board, or travel expenses. Applications are normally due by March 1 each year for summer study or fall semester or annual academic year study in Israel. Applications are due October 15 each year for spring semester study during the following year in Israel.

The number of Levy scholarships annually distributed depends on the amounts of the awards and the income that is available from the Levy Endowment each year. As many a dozen to two dozen scholarships may be awarded in a year by Jewish Studies and the Levy Scholarship Committee, which administer the scholarships.

Funds may also be used for enriched programming before scholarship recipients study abroad, during their study in Israel, and also after scholars return. It is important to know that, if any student withdraws from study in Israel for any reason (voluntary or involuntary), the award is to be withdrawn.

Recipients of Levy Scholarships are expected to express acceptance in writing (e-mail is okay) within three weeks of notification to the Director of Jewish Studies: The Director will report annual scholarships to the donor.

Recipients of Levy Scholarships are also expected to submit a brief written statement on their experiences studying in Israel on their return. These statements are available to help promote the Levy Scholarships and study in Israel on campus.

For additional information, contact Jewish Studies at (517) 432.3493.

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