



Application Form

ADA WEINTRAUB FINIFTER SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE STUDY OF ROMANIOTE JEWS

The Finifter Endowment offers a scholarship of at least \$1,000 each for projects related to study of Romaniote Jews.

Administered by the Michigan State University

Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel

Students (undergraduate, graduate, and post-docs) and faculty in the Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel and in other colleges at Michigan State University who are engaged in serious academic work related to the study of the Romaniote Jews are invited to apply.

Application criteria and expectations:

Applicants will be judged on merit, student academic performance, faculty performance, contribution to knowledge, and/or contribution to society.

After the trip - all recipients must also submit a brief written statement and thank you letter addressed to the donors, Family of Ada Weintraub Finifter, on their experiences within 30 days of their return.

Recipients will be expected to present on their research or work at the Serling Research Conference in April, and all awardees will submit copies of completed projects to be kept on file with the Serling Institute.

Application Requirements:

In order to be eligible for the Finifter Scholarship, you will need to submit the following:

1. Proposal (a description of the proposed project or research);
2. Discussion of the applicant's relevant qualifications;
3. Brief curriculum vitae or transcript sent directly to the director;
4. Letter of recommendation from a current MSU faculty member sent directly to the director; and
5. A detailed budget. Applications should ask for no less than \$1,000 and no more than \$5,000.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please be sure to provide all the information requested below; only completed applications will be considered. This form is meant to be completed electronically; that is, simply use the TAB key or mouse to move from one field to the next. When you've provided the information requested, sign the form. Deadlines for submission of applications are given above. If you have questions about the scholarships or the application procedures, please contact the Serling Institute office (tel. 517-432-3493; email jewishst@msu.edu).

The scholarship will first be applied toward any unpaid tuition or other funds owed to the University or may be subtracted from any federal financial aid/loan funds. Any remaining funds will be disbursed to you after the scholarship form has been processed via whatever method you have set up in your student account (student.msu.edu). Please seek advice from your Office of Financial Aid counselor if you have any questions.

Submit completed, signed application and supporting materials to:

Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel

Director Yael Aronoff at aronoffy@msu.edu and Ariana Mentzel at mentzela@msu.edu



First name: _____ Middle name: _____ Last name: _____
 MSU PID: _____ MSU E-mail address: _____
 Local telephone: _____ Cell phone: _____
 Local address: _____
 Local city: _____ Local zipcode: _____
 Permanent address: _____
 Permanent city: _____ Permanent state: _____ Zipcode: _____ Country: _____
 I am a citizen of (*country*): _____

MSU major(s): _____ MSU College(s): _____
 MSU minor/specialization(s): _____
 Current level (fresh., soph., etc): _____
 Are you earning a minor in Jewish Studies? Yes (*checklist must be on file in Jewish Studies Office*) No

Anticipated **semester and year** of the Internship: _____

For advertising purposes, we would like to know how you found out about the Levy Scholarships (*please check all that apply*):

Class (<i>which one?</i>)	Friend
Study Abroad Fair/Office	NSO
Registrar's Office	Other (please explain)
State News	

Scholarship Agreement – RESPONSE REQUIRED

I hereby agree to express acceptance of a Finifter Scholarship if offered to the Director of the Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel in writing within 3 weeks of notification of the award. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the scholarship. If I am awarded and I accept a Finifter Scholarship, I hereby agree to submit a type-written report about my Israel-related experience to the Serling Institute Director within 30 days of my return to the United States. I understand that statements made in my report may be used by the Serling Institute to promote the Finifter Scholarship and Study Abroad activities in Israel.

I hereby authorize the College of Arts and Letters and the Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel to release my name and information regarding this scholarship to the donor and to the media. Finally, I understand that if I withdraw from study abroad in Israel (either voluntarily or involuntarily, e.g., if I am suspended from the program) that I will need to reimburse the university the full scholarship. This will not apply to a situation where, due to safety and security considerations, the program is suspended or shortened.

Signature

Date

APPLICATION ENDS HERE

If you have provided all the information requested, please sign the form and return it along with all your supporting materials to the Serling Institute by email. You will be notified of the status of your application within two weeks of the deadline.

Note: Applicants for the Finifter Scholarship may also apply for scholarships offered through the MSU Office of Study Abroad



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Transcript included

Personal statement included

Faculty recommendation included

JSP minor student? Yes No

Currently enrolled? Yes No

Overall GPA _____