



All application materials must be received by 5:00pm on the deadline date. If the deadline is on a weekend, the application is due by 5:00pm on the Friday immediately preceding the deadline. *Deadline may differ based on the program.

Application Form

Finifter Scholarship in Jewish Studies

\$2,000 scholarship for JS minors to cover in-state tuition for any course taken that counts for the JS minor (including tuition for a course taken for study abroad in Israel).

Administered by the Michigan State University
Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel

Applicant Criteria:

Jewish Studies Minor, minimum of 3.0 GPA

Application Requirements:

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

1. Application form;
2. Essay describing what you hope to get out of the course you will take that counts for the JS minor;
 - a. What the course is, and when you plan to take it;
 - b. Discuss why you are interested in the course, and your interest in the JS minor;
 - c. Please include information concerning your financial need for this scholarship; and
3. Official MSU transcript (<https://reg.msu.edu/Transcripts/>) sent directly to the Director.

*Please contact Director Professor Aronoff if you have extenuating circumstances that require an extension for the deadline and there is a possibility, that if there are available funds, that you can apply late.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please be sure to provide all the information requested above and 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

Semester of course and course code and title:

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

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

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 JS course experience to the Serling Institute Director within 30 days of semester's end. I understand that statements made in my report may be used by the Serling Institute to promote the Finifter Scholarship and the JS program.

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 the minor or the course (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 Scholarships 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 _____