



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

Modern Israel Scholarship

Offers \$1,000-\$4,000 for MSU students participating in study abroad, internships or research in Israel.

Administered by the Michigan State University

Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel

Application criteria:

All applicants must submit 1) a 300–500-word essay describing what you hope to get out of the study abroad/ internship/research experience and how it will contribute to your academic, professional, and personal interests; and 2) an official transcript (<https://reg.msu.edu/Transcripts>) sent directly to the Director.

For Internship in Israel: Applicants must also submit documentation proof from the organization that the student has been accepted for an internship.

For Research in Israel: Applicants must also submit 1) Research proposal including a description of the proposed project or research and what research will be conducted in Israel and how (interviews, archives, etc.). Adding an explanation of whether this is part of an independent study or research for a senior seminar or thesis. (This research must be guided by a Serling Institute faculty.); 2) Discussion of the applicant's relevant qualifications 3) Letter of recommendation submitted by an MSU faculty member sent directly to the Director; 4). a budget - applicants should ask for no less than \$1,000 and no more than \$4,000. Recipients of the research in Israel scholarship are expected to present their work at the next Serling Institute Undergraduate Research Conference in April and all awardees will submit copies of completed projects to be kept on file at the Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel.

After the trip - all recipients must submit a brief written statement and thank you letter to the donors, Michael and Elaine Serling, on their experiences studying in Israel within 30 days of their return. These statements will help promote the Modern Israel Scholarships and study in Israel at MSU.

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 aronoff@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 Study Abroad/Internship/Research experience:

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 Modern Israel 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 Modern Israel 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 Modern Israel 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 Modern Israel 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 _____