

## Guidelines for CBS Scholarships — 2017

Scholarships available in 2017 to Jewish students through Congregation Beth Shalom are:

- The Harvey & debbe Highiet Memorial Scholarship
- The Sally & Nathan Morgenstern Memorial Scholarship
- The Richard & Pauline Israels Memorial Scholarship
- The Nettie & Alex Highiet Memorial Scholarship
- The Erwin S. Loeffler Memorial Scholarship

The general requirements of all scholarships are essentially the same:

1. Registration as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, or other institution of higher learning; and
2. Demonstration of one (or both) of the following:
  - a. need for the financial assistance
  - b. deserving of consideration because of special circumstances, such as academic standing, special goals, etc.

The two Highiet Scholarships, the Loeffler Scholarship, and the Israel's Scholarship are extended to those "who are of the Jewish faith, residing in Stanislaus County, or whose family is a member of Congregation Beth Shalom." The Morgenstern Scholarship is extended to "those of the Jewish faith."

Personal interviews may be necessary before final selections are made. All candidates must submit a letter of application. Decisions concerning awards will be made by the CBS Scholarship Committee.

Please use the following, as a guide in writing your letter of application. Observe the spirit of the question or the point to be included. You do not need to answer each question in an extremely literal fashion. Write what seems to you the most reasonable for your situation.

1. Name, address, phone number, and number of siblings living at home or attending a college or university.
2. College or university you are currently attending or plan to attend, your year, and name of school or college. State your major or specialty of interest if you have decided what it will be.
3. Tell about your out-of-school interests and activities (community, religious, synagogue, youth groups, camp, etc.).
4. Which category applies to the condition of your eligibility? (a) financial, or (b) deserving. If your answer is (a), please explain why or in what way the need exists. You do not necessarily have to be in financial difficulty to have a financial need. In your explanation you must include information on how many children in the family will need help with their schooling. There might be special circumstances that have created a need. The fact that you need help does not necessarily mean that your family is needy. Please indicate whether this is a one time or continuing need. You may include your own personal program of self-help, savings plan, work plans, etc. Also, list other scholarships applied for and indicate amount expected or received. If your answer is (b), please explain why or in what way you deserve special recognition, for example, your academic record or some special goal. Whatever you feel is appropriate to answer is correct for you.
5. **Your letter of application and accompanying documents must be mailed to: Scholarship Committee, Congregation Beth Shalom, 1705 Sherwood Avenue, Modesto, CA 95350 and be *postmarked by April 30, 2017* with the following:**
  - a. **Your letter of application, limited to two single spaced pen-written or typed pages,**
  - b. **Include or have sent directly two (2) letters of personal reference to Congregation Beth Shalom, dated within six months of application,**
  - c. **A current transcript. High school students include high school transcripts; college students include complete college transcripts.**
6. The applicant has the sole responsibility of making certain that all parts of the application are postmarked on or before April 30, 2016. You might want to check with your references to be sure that their letters have been mailed. Please feel free to check with Sandy Fitzgerald at the synagogue office to see if your material has arrived.

**There will be no extension of the application deadline for these scholarships. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

In addition to accomplishments and need, some of the other factors that will be considered in evaluating the applications are:

- Service to Congregation Beth Shalom
- Service to the community, i.e. volunteer work
- Academic level, i.e. other things being equal, preference will be given to undergraduates

Please note that the above additional considerations will be taken into account, but will not determine whether or not the applicant is granted a scholarship.

Applicants may be asked for a personal interview. Scholarship Guidelines will be available at the synagogue office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on our website [www.cbsmodesto.org](http://www.cbsmodesto.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Fitzgerald at 571-6060. **REMEMBER: the deadline for all scholarship applications is Thursday, April 30, 2017.**