



HEBREW IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY

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HIAS Chicago Graduate Application

The 2012 scholarship application period is November 14, 2011 through February 17, 2012.

“As an immigrant, being able to go to college and choosing who I want to be in life is a cherished gift. Living in a country where one can achieve their potential and shape their future is a treasured privilege”. Former Scholarship Applicant

“The fact that I can simply breathe in a country that lets me live free, study in a school in a different language than my first, and make friends with people I would have never known otherwise is amazing”. Former Scholarship Applicant

Through the generosity of HIAS Chicago’s friends and supporters, since 1991 we have been fortunate to be able to provide academic scholarships to an extremely impressive group of young scholars who immigrated to the Chicago area with the assistance of HIAS Chicago. By recognizing their achievements, we are able to acknowledge the significant leadership and community contributions that are being made by immigrants to our community and to help these scholars to further prepare themselves to become our leaders of tomorrow.

These scholarships include:

- HIAS Chicago Benton-Bernstein Scholarships for those entering the helping professions
- Tilly Warshaw Scholarship for high school graduates
- The Max and Anna Warshofsky Scholarship
- The Michael Polsky Family Scholarship Funds for high school graduates and career enhancement
- Ruth Schultz Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bernard Gordon Memorial Scholarship Fund

We invite you to apply for a HIAS Chicago Scholarship.

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SUPPORT FROM THE JEWISH UNITED FUND/JEWISH FEDERATION

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HIAS Chicago Scholarship criteria:

Those eligible to apply must meet the following criteria:

The applicant must be a Jewish immigrant to the United States who:

- Immigrated with his or her family with the assistance of HIAS Chicago, and/or
- Applied for Permanent Residency (i.e. a “Green Card) or Citizenship with the assistance of HIAS Chicago between January 1, 2001 and the present, and
- Must have lived in the United States for a minimum of 2 years
- Can demonstrate academic excellence, financial need, assistance to the community, and a well thought out educational plan.
- Is currently enrolled, or accepted for enrollment in:
 - Professional study in one of the helping professions for the Benton Bernstein Scholarships
 - A graduate level program for the Career Enhancement Scholarships

Due to the limitations of available funds, former winners of HIAS Chicago scholarships are not eligible to receive the same category of award.

In cooperation with Jewish Child and Family Services (JCFS) & Jewish Vocational Services (JVS), scholarship applicant finalists will be interviewed and candidates will be selected by a jury of community members & professional staff. Applicants who are chosen as finalists in the competition must also be available to participate in an in-person interview. All awards will be granted during a special HIAS Chicago scholarship ceremony in May, 2012.

The following items are required for a complete application to our Scholarship competition:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> The completed “HIAS Chicago 2012 Graduate Scholarship Application.”<input type="checkbox"/> An essay, approximately one-page in length, which describes your immigration experience, and the effect that immigration has had upon your life, as well as a description of your educational and professional aspirations.<input type="checkbox"/> Budget Worksheet.<input type="checkbox"/> A copy of your family’s most recent tax return (2011 if filed, 2010 if not), or an explanation of why your family was not required to file income taxes. If you are currently financially dependent upon your parents, please send us a copy of their tax return. If you are financially independent, only your own tax return is required.<input type="checkbox"/> An official school transcript that includes your most current GPA.<input type="checkbox"/> If you are printing your documents and submitting your application by mail, you must include the separate HIAS Chicago Graduate Scholarship Application Attestation Page. |
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- Please note: If you are invited to an in-person interview, you must also bring two sealed letters of recommendation from your school faculty/counselors or community activity supervisors.

If you meet the eligibility criteria, we invite you to apply. Be sure to include all the application documents. **The closing deadline for receipt of applications will be February 17, 2012. We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible.**

Congratulations on your decision to continue your education. Please accept the good wishes of all the board and staff of HIAS Chicago for your continued success.