

Instructions for completing the 2020-2021 application for financial aid

Hebrew College's comprehensive financial aid program assists students in developing a financial plan to support their education. Should you have any questions about your financial aid options, the application process or the status of your application, please call the Financial Aid Office, 617-559-8847 (Office hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.) or send an email to financialaid@hebrewcollege.edu.

Confidentiality: All financial aid information supplied by you is considered confidential and will not be made available to any individual or entity not directly connected with granting financial aid at Hebrew College.

Eligibility: Financial aid is available to matriculated students in degree programs only. Aid may be awarded to newly accepted candidates in most of Hebrew College's degree programs, and to continuing matriculated degree candidates in good academic standing. **Students must re-apply for aid each academic year.** Aid may be given from the College in the form of multi-year Fellowships, merit and need-based Scholarships, and Need-based Grants. All of the financial aid awarded by the College applies only to tuition. Federal loans and grants, if you qualify, may be used towards both tuition and outside costs, such as living expenses.

To qualify for financial aid, you must:

- Be accepted to one of Hebrew College's degree programs
- Enroll at least ½ time in both the fall and spring semesters, and/or optional summer term (You may still qualify for federal aid if you are completing your degree program and enroll less than ½ time - please speak to the Financial Aid Office)
- Be in good academic standing within the your program of study
- Have no outstanding tuition and fees owed to Hebrew College from previous years
- Meet federal guidelines to receive federal aid

FAFSA: For more information and to complete the FAFSA application form, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. **Hebrew College's FAFSA code is 002157.** A summary FAFSA report, based on the information you have provided, will automatically be sent to you and to the College. Information needed for this year's FAFSA is based on your 2018 federal income taxes, which would have been filed on or about April 15, 2019. Please note that we will not process your FAFSA until after we receive your Hebrew College "Application for Financial Aid" **and** you are accepted into one of our degree programs.

Current vs. Prior-Prior Year: While this year's FAFSA should be completed based on your 2018 income, assets and family circumstances ("prior-prior year"), Hebrew College's accompanying "*2020-2021 Application for Financial Aid*" should be completed based on your current income, assets and family circumstances. Hebrew College is keenly aware that your current financial circumstances may be very different from what had been the case in 2018. If this is the case, we ask that you attach a statement outlining the changes that have occurred (e.g., "My spouse ended their employment on 5/1/19 in anticipation of the birth of our first child").

Applicants for Admission: If you are an applicant for admission to one of Hebrew College's degree programs, you are encouraged but not required to submit the accompanying "Application for Financial Aid," and your FAFSA, at the same time that you apply for admission. Both this form and the FAFSA may be completed and submitted as early as October 1, 2019. The sooner we receive your financial aid paperwork, the sooner you will receive your financial aid notification. Applicants to the Rabbinical School and the Cantorial Ordination for

Spiritual and Educational Leadership (COSEL) program are required to submit their “Application for Financial Aid” and their FAFSA by March 1, 2019. If you are accepted and you defer enrollment, a new financial aid application will be required by March 1st prior to the planned start of your program.

Continuing Matriculated students: If you are a continuing Hebrew College student, you must reapply for financial aid each year. A completed Hebrew College “Application for Financial Aid” and your FAFSA report are due by March 1st each year. Financial aid applications received after this deadline will be considered, but the amount of institutional aid available may be limited.

◆ **Applicants who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens:** You MUST complete the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). *Non-US Citizens - see below.*

◆ **Federal Income Taxes must be completed and filed.** The Tax information on which the 2020-2021 FAFSA application is based was due to be filed by April 15, 2019—this is your tax return for the 2018 fiscal year. Please note that if your FAFSA application is selected for verification, you will be required to submit an official IRS tax transcript during the verification process. No aid can be disbursed until the verification process is completed.

◆ **If you are Not Required to File Federal Income Taxes:** If you are a non-tax filer, we will ask that you submit a signed statement indicating that you have not filed and that you are not required to file federal income taxes. You must also provide W-2 or 1099 forms to verify your income for the year.

◆ **Foreign students/Non-US citizens must supply income information.** A foreign student is a non-eligible non-citizen if they are in the U.S. on a visa, including the F-1 Student Visa issued through the school. You are still required to supply income information even if your income is from a country other than the U.S. All information must be supplied in writing and in English showing U.S. Dollar amounts. *As a non-eligible foreign student, you are not eligible to complete the FAFSA.*

◆ **Foreign students must supply Visa information.** If you are in the U.S. on a visa other than an F-1 student visa received through Hebrew College, you must provide a copy of your passport and visa.

◆ *If there is any other relevant information that would help us to understand your needs, please attach a typed statement to the application explaining any other considerations we should be taking into account.*

COMPLETE PAGE 1 of this application if you are only applying for fellowships, scholarships and merit awards, and do not wish to apply for need-based aid. Be sure to SIGN PAGE 2 of this application.

COMPLETE BOTH PAGE 1 and PAGE 2 of this application if you wish to apply for need-based aid as well as fellowships, scholarships and merit awards. Be sure to SIGN PAGE 2 of the application.

ALL ITEMS IN RED must be completed by all students no matter the type of award for which you are applying.

2020-2021 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID

Students applying for any aid, including fellowships, scholarships or merit aid must complete this page. If you are also applying for need-based aid, please complete page 2 as well. Remember to write clearly.
ALL APPLICANT'S MUST SIGN the back of this form

ITEMS IN RED are required of all students:

Name _____
Legal Name: First, Middle, Last

Social Security Number _____ **Student ID** _____
Required of new applicants Continuing matriculated students only

Date of Birth _____ **Email** _____

Current Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Phone (cell) _____ (day) _____ (evening) _____

Permanent Address (if different than current) _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Citizenship U.S. citizen Permanent U.S. resident
 Other: What Country? _____ Visa Type _____

Most Recent Occupation _____ **Job Title** _____

Employer _____
(Include city and state of employer)

Current Annual Salary _____ **Dates of Employment** _____

How many total credits will you take this year? (Includes summer 2020, fall 2020 and spring 2021) _____
(Full-time Rabbinic, COSEL & Pardes students should indicate "Block Tuition")

Will you take summer 2020 credits? _____ **Expected graduation month and year:** _____

I am ... Single Married Divorced Widow/er **My Spouse's Name:** _____

In which Hebrew College program are you currently matriculated or applying to?

- Cantorial Ordination for Spiritual & Educational Leadership (COSEL) Program (Education) (MJEK – new students)
- Cantorial Ordination for Spiritual & Educational Leadership (COSEL) Program (Jewish Studies) (MJSK)
- Cantorial Ordination for Spiritual & Educational Leadership (COSEL) Program (Jewish Education & Studies) (MJESK)
- Cantorial Ordination for Spiritual & Educational Leadership (COSEL) – halftime programs (MJEK2 & MJSK2)
- Rabbinical School—fulltime Jewish Studies program with Rabbinic ordination (MJSR – non-Mekorot new students)
- Rabbinical School—fulltime Education program with Rabbinic ordination (MJER)
- Rabbinical School—fulltime Jewish Studies program with Rabbinic ordination with 2 year Mekorot Program (MJSR2)
- Rav-Hazzan Program—fulltime Education program with Rabbinic & Cantorial ordination (MJERK)
- Rav-Hazzan Program—fulltime Jewish Studies program with Rabbinic & Cantorial ordination (MJSRK)
- Mekorot preparatory 1-year program only (MKRT) Mekorot preparatory 2-year program only (MKRT2)
- Master of Jewish Education (MJE) Bachelor of Jewish Education (BJE)
- Master of Arts in Jewish Studies (MAJS) Dual Master of Jewish Education/Master of Arts in Jewish Studies (MJEJS)
- Master of Jewish Liberal Studies (MJLS)

I am a Rabbinic student who will be studying in Israel next year: Which semester(s)? _____

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Complete all questions on this page if you are applying for need-based aid. All Student MUST SIGN THIS FORM

Do you own or rent your residence? Own Rent Monthly mortgage/rental payment _____

How much do you have in your checking and/or savings accounts? _____

Value of your investments (e.g., stocks, bonds, & non-retirement funds)? _____

Are you planning to work during the school year? (If so, please describe proposed work and anticipated salary)

Spouse's Most Recent Occupation _____ Job Title _____

Spouse's Employer _____
(Include city and state of employer)

Spouse's Current Salary _____ Dates of Employment _____

Dependent Children (Please list additional children on a separate sheet, if necessary)

Child's Name	Age	School or College Attending
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Yes No Do you receive any financial support from family members?

Yes No Do you receive any financial support from other sources?

Yes No Do you participate in a tuition assistance program at your place of employment?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please specify source and amount.

What other school(s) are you currently attending or planning to attend, if any? _____

What is your annual tuition at the above institution(s)? _____

Are you receiving any federal student aid (e.g., Pell grant or loans) from the above school(s)? Yes No

Signature: I hereby certify that the information given above is complete and accurate.

Signature of applicant

Date

If you wish to supply additional information, you may attach additional page(s) to this form. Please review your completed Application for Financial Aid before returning it to make sure you have answered all questions. You may return a hard copy of this form to Office of Financial Aid, 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459; or you may scan and attach it in an email to financialaid@hebrewcollege.edu. If you do not receive confirmation that this form has been received, please follow up with an email or phone call. Please return the application form only—not the two pages of instructions.