

Office of Financial Aid

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Instructions for completing Hebrew College's 2021-2022 application for financial aid

Hebrew College's Office of Financial Aid is eager to assist students as they develop plans to pay for and/or finance their educational expenses. Should you have any questions about your financial aid options, the application process or the status of your application, please send an email to financialaid@hebrewcollege.edu to schedule a phone conversation. (Note that staff phone numbers listed on the website are not being checked while Hebrew College staff are working remotely. Financial Aid Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)

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. Financial aid awarded by the College will be applied towards your tuition costs only. Federal loans and grants, if you qualify, may be used towards tuition, registration fees 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 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 (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) 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 2019 federal income taxes, which would have been filed on or about April 15, 2020. 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 2019 income, assets and family circumstances ("prior-prior year"), Hebrew College's accompanying "2021-2022 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 you were experiencing in 2019. 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 5/1/20 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, 2020. The sooner we receive your financial aid paperwork, the sooner you will

receive your financial aid notification. Applicants to the Rabbinical School are required to submit their “Application for Financial Aid” and their FAFSA by February 1, 2021. 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 April 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 2021-2022 FAFSA application is based was due to be filed by April 15, 2020—this is your tax return for the 2019 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.

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2021-2022 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** _____

Current or Most Recent Job Title/Position _____

Employer _____
(Include city and state of employer, and/or indicate if "self-employed")

Total Current Annual Income _____ **Dates of Employment** _____

How many total credits will you take during 2021-22? (Includes summer 2021, fall 2021 and spring 2022) _____
(Full-time Rabbinic, Cantorial & Pardes students should indicate "Block Tuition")

How many credits will be taken during summer 2021? _____ **Expected graduation month and year:** _____
(Not applicable to newly admitted students)

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

I am a rabbinic student who will be studying in Israel next year: Which semester(s)? _____
(Or indicate if "Both")

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

Rabbinic Ordination Program:

- Master of Arts in Jewish Studies (MJSR – **all new students**)
- Rabbinic Ordination only (RABOR – no Master's Degree)
- Master of Jewish Education (MJER)

Cantorial Ordination Program – Full-time:

- Master of Arts in Jewish Studies (MJSK – **all new students**)
- Dual Master of Jewish Education/Master of Arts in Jewish Studies (MJESK)
- Master of Jewish Education (MJEK)
- Cantorial Ordination only (CO – no Master's Degree)

Cantorial Ordination Program – ½ time:

- Master of Arts in Jewish Studies (MJSK2 – all new students)
- Master of Jewish Education (MJEK2)

Rav-Hazzan Ordination Program:

- Master of Arts in Jewish Studies (MJSRK – **all new students**)
- Master of Jewish Education (MJERK)

Non-Ordination Master's Programs:

- Master of Jewish Education (MJE)
- Dual Master of Jewish Education/Master of Arts in Jewish Studies (MJEJS)
- Master of Arts in Jewish Studies (MAJS)

2021-2022 Financial Aid Application Page 2

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 currently have in your checking and/or savings accounts? _____

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

Amount of your current student loan debt (e.g., from undergraduate studies)? _____

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

Spouse's Current or Most Recent Job Title/Position _____

Spouse's Employer _____
(Include city and state of employer, and/or indicate if "self-employed")

Spouse's Total Current Annual Income _____ 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 Will you be receiving any financial support from family members?

Yes No Will you be receiving any financial support from other sources of any kind?

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

If you answered yes to any question above, please specify source and expected amount(s) during 2021-22.

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, please attach additional page(s). Review your completed Application before returning it to make sure you've answered all questions. You can return a hard copy of this form to Office of Financial Aid, 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459; applicants may upload this form to the applicant portal; 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 within two workdays, please follow up with an email or phone call. **Please return the form only—not the two pages of instructions.***