The Hecht Family Memorial College Scholarship Fund was established by Harry Hecht in memory of his son Richard who died of cancer in January 1996 and his wife Norma who died from complications of diabetes in February 2000. The creation of the Fund is a tribute to both of them and a way to memorialize their lives in the community.

Recognizing the difficulties many parents face when trying to finance their children's college education, the Hecht Fund was endowed with a generous gift to the Jewish Community Foundation. The Fund provides scholarships to deserving Jewish high school seniors in preparation for college.

Scholarships in the amount of $5,000 will be awarded annually to students who have distinguished themselves academically and through community service and have demonstrated financial need. Students enrolling in a full-time, accredited undergraduate program may apply during their senior year of high school and will be eligible for the award in their freshman year of college. Applicants are required to reside in the Milwaukee metropolitan area. The scholarships are awarded on a one-time basis.

Applications will be accepted each spring and may be obtained through local high school guidance offices, synagogues and the Milwaukee Jewish Federation (please see annual application for deadlines). Applications may also be downloaded at MilwaukeeJewish.org/JCF.

For more information, call the Jewish Community Foundation at (414) 390-5712.

I am a creative writer, a traveler, a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania and a recipient of a scholarship from the Jewish Community Foundation of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. The Hecht Family Memorial Scholarship has allowed me to pursue my dream of studying at Penn. Even more, it has given me confidence and a firm connection to my Jewish community.