

Harry Hecht Family Memorial College Scholarship

The Jewish Community Foundation offers scholarship awards from the Harry Hecht Family Memorial Scholarship Fund to outstanding Jewish high school seniors to help fund their college freshman year at a full time accredited undergraduate program in the U.S. Awards are based on financial need, academic performance, and community service. Applicants are required to be residents of the Milwaukee metropolitan area. Applications and accompanying documents and materials for Fall 2021 must be received by 11:59 PM on Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

There are 5 sections in this application:

1. Personal Information
2. Education
3. Extra-Curricular Activities and Employment
4. Financial Status
5. Essay and Uploaded Documents

Who is Harry Hecht?

The Hecht Family Scholarship seeks to make an impact in the lives of Jewish families with financial need through a one-time scholarship, preferably to a Wisconsin University. This scholarship was established by Harry Hecht, a young Polish immigrant who journeyed alone to the United States in 1928 when his mother Sarah, died.

Harry faced many challenges and found himself depending on the kindness of the Jewish community to help his family meet their needs. He tried his hand at many businesses and eventually became successful with a business then known as Hecht Mfg. Harry never forgot the lean years and later in life he sought to pay the generosity he received forward.

Today the Hecht Family Scholarship Committee continues Harry's mitzvah. We seek to assist Jewish candidates in Milwaukee who show a commitment to their communities through volunteer work, involvement in Jewish and secular organizations, solid academic achievement, and who demonstrate a desire to succeed and bring their talents back to their communities to continue Harry's vision.

Harry struggled to help his son Richard attend the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater and later Madison. We believe in Wisconsin schools and in keeping our dollars and

talent in Wisconsin communities. For that reason, we may prioritize applicants attending Wisconsin schools.

Hard work was a cornerstone of Harry's life. He worked nonstop as an immigrant child until his own retirement in his eighties. While community service is an important part of what the Hecht Family Scholarship Committee looks for, we recognize that for some families an outside job is more than a character builder, it's a necessity, and for this reason work histories will also be valued.

The Hecht Family and the Jewish Federation invite all interested high school seniors who feel this touches them to apply to continue Harry's legacy.

Application

Date of Application *MM/DD/YYYY

Name *First Last

Middle Name *

Gender *Female / Male / Other

Home Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Email *

Phone Number *###-###-####

Date of Birth * MM/DD/YYYY

Family Information

Name of Parent/Guardian 1 *First / Last

Address of Parent/Guardian 1 *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Phone Number of Parent/Guardian 1 *###-###-####

Occupation of Parent/Guardian 1*

Name of Parent/Guardian 2 First Last

Address of Parent/Guardian 2

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Phone Number of Parent/Guardian 2 ###-###-####

Occupation of Parent/Guardian 2

Does the applicant have siblings?* No / Yes

If siblings are students, where and what year?*

Applicant resides with:* Both Parents / Mother/ Father / Other (please specify)

Is applicant declared a dependent on either parent's tax return?* Yes / No

General Education

Current High School *

Anticipated Date of High School Graduation (year & month) *

Current Rank in Class & Number of Students in Graduating Class

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average *

List academic awards, honors, scholarships and distinctions you have attained in high school

List college(s) to which you have applied and the cost of tuition and room & board at each college *

Jewish Education and Experience

List your Jewish education.

Name of School 1

City of School 1

Dates Attended at School 1

Name of School 2

City of School 2

Dates Attended at School 2

Add another school? No / Yes

List your Jewish activities.

Type of Activity 1

City of Activity 1

Dates Attended of Activity 1

Type of Activity 2

City of Activity 2

Dates Attended of Activity 2

Add another activity? No/Yes

Extra-Curricular Activities

List and briefly describe your volunteer and other activities in the Jewish community and state your most significant contribution.

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Describe your hobbies and leisure-time interests.

Employment History

List all work experience.

Employer 1

Location of Employer 1

Type of Work of Employer 1

Dates of Employer 1

Employer 2

Location of Employer 2

Type of Work of Employer 2

Dates of Employer 2

Add another employer? No/Yes

Financial Status

What other financial scholarships have you applied for? *

Have you been awarded any other scholarships and in what amounts (approximately)? *

How do you plan to finance your future education? *

Do you have a savings or trust account for college? Please explain. *

Since scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, academic distinction and community service please include any additional information that might be pertinent.

Please indicate the category for your family's adjusted gross income from the most recent tax return. *

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Select category

49,999 and under

\$50,000 - \$79,999

\$80,000 - \$119,999

\$120,000 - \$159,999

\$160,000 and up

How did you find out about the Harry Hecht Family College Scholarship?

Essay Question

Answer the question below with a short essay (no longer than 700 words) answering the following question. Please avoid simply listing activities you have listed elsewhere in this application. Instead, tell us how your experiences have shaped and inspired you.

What is your personal mission statement AND what factors, educational and personal (outside of those items you have listed elsewhere in the application) will help you to achieve your mission? *

Uploaded Documents

Letter of recommendation *

Academic Transcript *

Tax Return and W-2 *