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Instruction Sheet
Benjamin & Elizabeth 'Bess' Stern Scholarship Loan Application for
2020-2021 Academic Year

- 1) This need based fund was created to make academic loans available to graduate level students in the following fields:
 - Higher mathematics, physics (both classical and quantum), astronomy*, meteorology*, astrophysics, engineering or a field related to any of the foregoing which allow us to know more about the universe in which we live;
 - Journalism, in its best sense of ethical, honest, and accurate reporting, and photo journalism;
 - Finance and economics;
 - Architecture* and related fields, including city planning, which affect the quality of life in a community;
 - Classical music (limited to piano, flute, cello and violin) to give young and old joy from the beauty of its sounds; and
 - Scientific research in rare and incurable human diseases for which no known complete cure has been found
- 2) Loan recipients need not be residents of the Omaha metropolitan area but must be Jewish and must be attending either University of Nebraska Omaha, University of Nebraska Medical Center or Creighton University. *In addition, loans are available for coursework at the University of Nebraska Lincoln in the fields of Architecture, Astronomy and Meteorology.
- 3) Awards are interest-free loans, payable in full over 15 years, beginning one year after graduation.
- 4) Follow all instructions carefully.
- 5) Loans are awarded on a financial-need basis.
- 6) Address any questions to (402) 334-6407 or dwalker@jewishomaha.org.

**The completed application and ALL accompanying
documentation are due no later than March 2, 2020.**

**LATE APPLICATIONS OR LATE DOCUMENTATION
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed application - ALL sections must be completed in full.
- Application must be legible.
- One copy of the first two pages of your most recent U.S. Individual Tax Return - Form 1040 must accompany this application. If filing Form 1040EZ, provide one copy. Please block out all social security numbers on the tax return copy.
- Academic transcript - An official transcript from the applicant's school is required. Grade reports printed from a student on-line account are NOT acceptable.
- Two recommendation letters – Specific information on recommendations is given at the end of this application. Recommendations are needed each year. Prior year recommendation letters are not acceptable.



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Loan Application for 2020-2021**

First Name					Last Name						
University you plan to attend in 2020-2021?											
Highest level of education completed?											
What is your field of study?											
What degree do you anticipate achieving and when?											
Address					City			State		Zip	
Preferred First Name			Gender		Age			Are you Jewish?	<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed		
Cell Phone #					Email						
Employer and Position											
Spouse name, if applicable		Last Name						First Name			
Spouse Employer and Position											
If spouse is attending college, please list college name											
If you have siblings or dependents, list names & ages											
If any dependents are attending college, list name of dependent & college name											
Name of applicant's parent(s)											
Parent(s) address, including city, state, zip											
Parent phone					Parental marital status		<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed				
Are you claimed as a dependent on your parent's tax return?						If yes , in line(s) below, please list employer and position of each parent					
Father's employer and position					Mother's employer and position						

GOALS and ACTIVITIES

In the space below, please describe your academic goals

In the space below, please describe your extracurricular activities, volunteer work, honors, special recognitions and awards you have received in the past four years.

JEWISH INVOLVEMENT AND ACTIVITY

Do you belong to a synagogue? If so, please indicate which one below.

Have you been affiliated with your campus Hillel?	Yes		No		No Hillel
Are you involved with any other Jewish organization?	Yes		No		

If "Yes", please describe your involvement below.

If you are currently participating in any form of Jewish study, please describe below.

Please describe below the importance of your Jewish identity and how you express your Jewish commitment.

FINANCIAL DATA

If you were attending college or grad school during the past academic year, please list the sources of scholarships/financial aid you received.

Please list, in detail, sources of scholarships/financial aid which you are receiving for this 2019-2020 academic year.

Please describe the sources through which your education is being funded.

Financial need is the primary consideration in awarding scholarships. Please explain in detail those financial conditions that you feel should be brought to the attention of the Financial Aid Committee. Examples could include, but are not limited to, the following: parents and/or siblings and/or spouse also attending college; support of family member outside of the immediate family; excessive educational debt; excessive medical debt; serious medical issues affecting the family; significant loss of income in the past year; single parent with little or no income from the absent parent, etc. The more complete the information, the better able the Committee is to make a fair determination of the allocation of its resources.

The following data will be kept confidential by the Financial Aid Committee.
 Please provide the information below based on your most recent tax return. Copies of the first two pages of the U.S. Individual Tax Return 1040 (or page one of 1040EZ) must accompany this application. (Do not submit the state return or any additional tax forms.) Please block out all social security numbers.

Parental tax returns and parental income must be provided for all students who are not independent.*

STUDENT INCOME

Adjusted Gross Income					\$
Itemized Deductions (if standard deduction is used, enter N/A)					\$
Taxable Income					\$
Total Tax					\$
If you are divorced, are you a custodial parent?		Yes		No	
Amount of child support you are paying/receiving as the custodial parent					\$

***PARENTAL INCOME**

Adjusted Gross Income					\$
Itemized Deductions (if standard deduction is used, enter N/A)					\$
Taxable Income					\$
Total Tax					\$

ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL COSTS

Name of school you are attending		
Tuition and fees		\$
Books		\$
Room and board		\$
Other expenses (please explain below)		\$
Total Annual Cost		\$

SIGNATURE(S)

All of the information stated in this application and all supplemental documentation, to the best of my knowledge, is accurate and complete.

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Applicant Signature

Date

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Parent or Guardian Signature *

Date

(* The signature of a parent or guardian is required for all applicants under age 21, and for those claimed as a dependent on the parental tax return.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations are a critical part of your completed application packet. The following two pages are to be provided to those from which you are requesting a recommendation. Recommendation letters must be received at the Jewish Federation of Omaha **no later than March 2, 2020.**

PLEASE NOTE!

It is your responsibility to follow-up with those providing the recommendations to assure the deadline is met.

Each recommendation should be from a person who can attest to your personal character, academic abilities, extra-curricular involvement, or work ethic. Teachers, school counselors, employers, rabbis, or youth group advisors are some suggestions of who can be considered to provide the recommendations. Recommendations by family members or peers will not be accepted.

Recommendations are required each year an application is submitted.

**RECOMMENDATION REQUEST
for personal character, academic abilities,
extra-curricular involvement or work ethic**

Applicant Name	
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The above named student is submitting an application for scholarship consideration to the Financial Aid Committee of the Jewish Federation of Omaha. This application is for graduate scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year.

As a part of his/her application, the student has provided your name as one who is able to attest to his/her **personal character, academic abilities, extra-curricular involvement or work ethic or a combination of the above.**

Please submit your typed recommendation, on letterhead, no longer than one page in length. The submission of the recommendation as the body of an email is also acceptable. The recommendation is to include the following information:

- **Date**
- **Your name**
- **Your relationship to the applicant**
- **Your mailing address, including city, state and zip code**
- **Your daytime phone number**
- **Your signature**

The recommendation can be submitted via U.S. mail, email or fax.

Mailing Address

Financial Aid Committee
Jewish Federation of Omaha
333 South 132 Street
Omaha NE 68154-2198

Email

dwalker@jewishomaha.org

Fax

(402) 334-1330

Please include a cover sheet to the attention of
Financial Aid Committee, Jewish Federation of Omaha

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