



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXCELLENCE IN JEWISH STUDIES AWARDS

SPRING 2026

Excellence in Jewish Studies Awards recognize achievements by Rutgers students in the field of Jewish Studies. To be eligible for an award, students must have taken at least two courses in Jewish Studies. Selection is based upon a sustained record of achievement in Jewish Studies. Prior recipients may reapply.

Graduate students at Rutgers enrolled in M.A. or Ph.D. programs with a Jewish Studies focus are also eligible for consideration.

* Needs-based awards are also available. To be considered for awards based on *both* merit and financial need, students must have a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on file with the Rutgers Financial Aid Office. *NOTE: *If you receive needs-based financial aid, please be advised that receiving a Jewish Studies Student Award may result in the reduction of federal student aid or loans.*

To be considered for an award, applicants must submit the following to Stephanie Ulm, the Department of Jewish Studies Program Coordinator: stephanie.ulm@rutgers.edu.

Kindly place the words “**Excellence in Jewish Studies Awards**” in the subject line.

- completed application (see the following three pages)
- Rutgers transcript (an unofficial copy is fine)
- two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty, at least one of whom must be a member of the Department of Jewish Studies at Rutgers. Please request these letters at least two weeks before the deadline and ask your recommenders to e-mail their letters directly to Stephanie Ulm: stephanie.ulm@rutgers.edu.



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Academic Year _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

RUID: _____

e-mail address: _____

Major(s): _____

Minor(s): _____

Cumulative G.P.A. _____

Graduate Program in which you are enrolled (if applicable):

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Would you like to be considered for a needs-based/financial need award?

* Please see page one, with requirements for a financial need award.

Yes

No

I have requested letters of recommendation from the following faculty

(name, department, and institution if other than Rutgers):

1. _____

2. _____



Please type your responses to the following questions and submit with this application form.

1. Describe your interest in Jewish Studies to date.
2. Describe any research in Jewish Studies that you have participated in while at Rutgers (e.g., honors thesis, independent study, etc.).
3. Describe your career goals after graduation.
4. List any renewable scholarships that you have received from the State of New Jersey, Rutgers University, or other sources. Please also indicate any financial aid award, such as Pell, TAG, or EOF, which you received in 2020-2021. *NOTE: To be eligible for a needs-based award, you must have a FAFSA form on file.*
5. Indicate any additional information you would like to have considered.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Stephanie Ulm: stephanie.ulm@rutgers.edu.