

2018 HIAS CHICAGO UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DUE: JANUARY 21, 2018

Since 1991, through the generosity of HIAS Chicago's friends and supporters, HIAS Chicago has been fortunate to be able to provide academic scholarships to an extremely impressive group of individuals who immigrated or whose family immigrated to the Chicago area with the assistance of HIAS Chicago, or who accessed HIAS Chicago's immigration and citizenship services once in the United States.

These undergraduate and graduate scholarships include: the Benton-Bernstein Scholarship for those entering the helping professions; the Tilly Warshaw Scholarship for high school graduates; the Max and Anna Warshofsky Scholarship; the Michael Polsky Family Scholarship Funds for high school graduates and career enhancement; the Ruth Schultz Memorial Scholarship Fund; the Bernard Gordon Memorial Scholarship Fund; and funds contributed in loving memory of Beatrice Nessenson.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

All Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- An individual who immigrated to the United States with the assistance of HIAS Chicago; **OR**
- A U.S.-born child or grandchild of an individual who immigrated to the U.S. with the assistance of HIAS Chicago; **OR**
- Someone who applied for Permanent Residency (a "Green Card") or citizenship with the assistance of HIAS Chicago.

In addition, applicants must:

- Be Jewish
- Have lived in the United States for a minimum of 2 years;
- Demonstrate academic excellence, financial need, community service to the Jewish and broader communities, and a well-thought out educational plan.
- Begin or continue your education on a full-time basis in a 4-year college or university in the 2018-2019 academic year.

Due to the limitations of available funds, former winners of HIAS Chicago scholarships are not eligible to receive the same category of award.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR A COMPLETE APPLICATION.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

1. The completed 2018 HIAS Chicago Scholarship Application;
2. A one-page essay describing: 1) your immigration experience; 2) the effect that immigration has had on your life; and 3) a description of your educational and professional aspirations;
3. A school transcript that includes your most current GPA;
4. Budget Worksheet;
5. A copy of your or your family' most recent tax return, or an explanation of why you or your family was not required to file income taxes. (NOTE: If you are financially dependent upon your parents, please submit a copy of your parents' tax return. If you are financially independent, only your tax return is required).

Finalists will be contacted by email in January, 2018 and interviewed in February and March, 2018. Winners will be selected by the HIAS Chicago Scholarship Committee and all awards will be granted in June 2018.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT HIAS CHICAGO AT 312.357.4666

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UNDERGRADUATE GRADUATE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____
Street

City, State, ZIP

Phone Number: () - () -
Home Cell

Email Address: _____

Do you identify as Jewish? Yes No

Did you or your parents or grandparents immigrate to the U.S. Yes No
with the help of HIAS Chicago?

If yes, date arrived: _____

Name(s) of family members who immigrated with the assistance of HIAS Chicago:

Did HIAS Chicago assist you/your family with: Green card application? _____
Date filed

Citizenship application? _____
Date filed

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP?

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Please list below all schools you have attended, beginning with your high school education.

Dates of Attendance	Name of School	City, State	Program of Study	Did you graduate (Y/N)?	GPA on a 4.0 scale

ACADEMIC HONORS / AWARDS

WORK EXPERIENCE

List jobs held in both your native country and the U.S., beginning with your first job.

Dates of Employment	Employer	Position / Title	Location

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

FAMILY AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Are you financially dependent on your parents?

Yes No

Does any member of your family work for either HIAS Chicago or Jewish Child & Family Services?

Yes No

If Yes, please name them and list their relationship to you:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Complete the chart below for all individuals living in your household. The first line is for yourself. If a family member is not working, write "N/A" under job title. If receiving public assistance, write "PA". If working part-time, check the box in the appropriate column.

Name	Relationship to Applicant	Date of Birth	Employer	Job Title	Part-time (Y/N)	Annual Income
	Self					

Below, list any unusual debts or expenses for which your family is responsible that you feel should be considered in evaluating your financial need.

Purpose of Debt	Amount of Debt

PROPOSED EDUCATION/TRAINING

Describe the professional or educational program in which you plan to enroll or have already enrolled.

Name of School: _____

Program: _____

Field of study: _____

Dates of proposed attendance: _____

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

By signing below, I affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If chosen as a scholarship winner, I will provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the educational program of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail your completed 2018 HIAS Chicago Scholarship Application along with all other required documentation to:

**HIAS CHICAGO
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
216 W. JACKSON, SUITE 700
CHICAGO, IL 60606**