



Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

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National Youth Achievement Program

Thank you for your interest in the 2026 National Youth Achievement Program of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA Foundation. Below you will find the eligibility guidelines and application form. Grant recipients will be announced in August 2026 at our National Convention.

The following four grants will be awarded:

Edith, Louis and Max S. Millen Memorial Academic Grant	\$2,000
Clifford Lee Kristal Education Grant	\$1,250
Bernard Rotberg Memorial Grant	\$1,000
Leon Brooks Memorial Grant	\$1,000

***** The Youth Achievement grants and the Millen Memorial Athletic Grant require two totally separate applications. Combined applications will be disqualified.**

ELIGIBILITY

- An applicant must be a direct descendant (child, grandchild, great-grandchild) of a member in good standing since 2023 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America. If an applicant’s relative is deceased, the member must have been in good standing at the time of his/her death. All members (including posthumous) must have joined prior to 2024.
 - Applicants who are descendants of honorary members and Patrons are not eligible.
 - If the JWV member is deceased, call the Department Commander of the deceased relative for assistance. JWV National Headquarters **does not** have records of individual post or department members.
 - It is the applicant’s responsibility to obtain verification of this information.
- **An applicant must be a high school senior at the time of application and be accepted by an accredited college, university, community college, trade school or school of nursing as a member of the freshman class entering in the fall of 2026.**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Application Form clearly filled out and signed by both applicant & relative (if alive).
- A copy of the applicant's college acceptance letter. (The name of the applicant must be visible.)
- A detailed resume, including extracurricular activities, awards, employment, etc.
- In a sealed, signed envelope from the school, an **official copy of your most recent transcript**.

No other materials will be evaluated. DO NOT SEND recommendation letters, essays or other extraneous information. Doing so may result in your application being disqualified.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- The Application Form **must be signed by the JWV member related to the applicant**. If the member is deceased, checkmark the box and inform the member's Department Commander.
- Ensure that you have included only all the necessary materials.

Application Submission Instructions

- All parts of the application must be sent by U.S. Mail, FedEx, UPS, or similar delivery service (not by email).
- **Applications must be received by the appropriate *Department Commander* no later than May 31, 2026.**

***** DO NOT send applications to National Headquarters (JWV National).**

Applications sent to National Headquarters will not be forwarded and may be considered late.

*** To obtain the correct mailing address or contact information for your Department Commander, please email at jwv@jwv.org.

- **Appropriate Department Commander refers to the location of the JWV member's Post – NOT the applicant's location.**
 - Example: If an applicant resides in New York but the relative is a member of a JWV Post in Florida, the application must first be submitted to the Commander of the Department of Florida.
- Upon receipt, the Department Commander will confirm eligibility of the applicant.
 - Each Department will choose its **top four applications** to be forwarded to **National Headquarters with the Department Commander's signature on the applications.**
 - Department Commanders will send the top four applications to National Headquarters by **July 1, 2026.**
- After the grant applications are judged, only the grant recipients will be notified.

EDUCATION GRANTS APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant:

(last) (first) (middle)

Home address:

(street address) (city, state, ZIP)

Email _____

Mobile Phone Number _____

Name of Institution Planning to Attend _____

City & State of Institution _____

Name of Relative who is (or was) a JWV Member _____

Applicant's Relationship to JWV Member _____

To what Post does/did that JWV Member Belong? _____

Applicant's Signature _____

JWV Member's Signature _____

Check here if JWV member is deceased.

MY SIGNATURE BELOW AFFIRMS THAT THIS APPLICATION MEETS THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JWV YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS.

Department Commander's Signature _____

Printed Name: _____ **Dept of** _____