

# **OSCAR BRANDEIS/FRANCES LEVY BIRSHTEN SCHOLARSHIP AND THE SCHWETZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF THE TIDEWATER JEWISH FOUNDATION**

2025-2026 Institute of Jewish Studies and Interfaith Understanding  
Undergraduate Scholarship Application

To be considered, all applications must be sent by  
9:00 pm August 8, 2025

## **General Eligibility Requirements for Scholarships:**

- Applicants must be enrolled as a Jewish Studies Minor and engaged in a research project in Jewish Studies or a member of Hillel at Old Dominion University.
- Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student at Old Dominion University.
- A GPA of 3.0 or higher, an essay (not to exceed 500 words), and a resume (see application form) are required.

Applications and supporting documents should be sent by email to Dr. Amy K. Milligan, Director of the Institute of Jewish Studies and Interfaith Understanding, [amilliga@odu.edu](mailto:amilliga@odu.edu)

## **Administration of Scholarships:**

- These scholarships are administered through ODU's Office of Financial Aid.
- Availability and amount of these scholarships vary from year to year.

## IJIU 2025-26 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ODU Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Chosen Major/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Expected Term of ODU Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you declared a Minor in Jewish Studies? Yes No

If yes, which courses have you taken/are you taking? Which semester?

Are you a member of Hillel? Yes No  
(Hillel participation will be verified)

**Supporting Documents**

A short typed essay, not to exceed 500 words, is required in addition to the application and submission of a CV (or resume). This essay should focus on the applicant's goals for the study and engagement with the Minor in Jewish Studies or Hillel at Old Dominion University.

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the information provided on this scholarship application is true and that I personally composed the essay included herein. I grant permission to release information from my educational and financial records to the scholarship committee members and scholarship donors. If awarded a scholarship, I grant permission to IJIU and the scholarship donor to issue news releases. I understand that I may be asked to visit an IJIU board meeting and speak about my experiences funded by this scholarship.

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(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)