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SIGMA ALPHA MU SCHOLARSHIPS - INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

History: Sigma Alpha Mu was a fraternity active on the University of Alberta Campus since the 1940's. It provided fellowship and housing to Jewish students until disbanding in 1972. Its Board of Trustees decided to retain the remaining assets to support the future re-establishment of the fraternity, should a group of leaders arise to carry out that vision. In the meantime, the Trustees determined that earnings from investment of the assets would be made available, in the form of scholarships, to Jewish university students in need of support to continue their education. Jewish Family Services was entrusted with the administration of the fund and the scholarships.

Who may apply Jewish students attending a full-time (min. 3 full courses or equivalent) degree program at a **post-secondary institution in Edmonton**. Consideration is given to financial need and potential for academic success. Employees of JFSE and their immediate family are not eligible to apply.

Size of scholarship: Scholarships are available in most years, dependent upon the return on investment of the fund principal. The number and size of scholarships awarded varies depending on amount available for distribution and the number of awards granted.

2026 Scholarship is \$1000. If no award is made, this will carry over to the next year.

How to apply: Please submit the following information by the deadline:

- A narrative including a brief biography, connection to Jewish community, and your recent educational history and future plans.

- To support your claim for financial need, attach a budget for your upcoming school year, including your savings, expected income, other loans and grants, and anticipated support from other sources such as family.
- Copy of recent transcript, if available, or document to verify your current academic status and achievement.
- Any other letters of support or information, which you feel, may support your request.

Deadline: Please apply by June 30, 2026.

Applications may be made by e-mail (attachments will be accepted in PDF, MS Word, and JPEG formats). Please send applications to adminassistant@jfse.org.

Jewish Family Services will review your application, and may request an interview with you. We will make recommendations to the Board of Directors, who make the final decision, by August 4, 2026. Applicants will remain anonymous to the Trustees until after a decision is made. No appeals of the Board's decisions will be accepted.

If you are awarded a scholarship, you may be asked for a photo for publicity purposes, and acceptance of the scholarship will be deemed permission to publicize your receipt of a scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded in September, and a cheque will be presented upon receipt of your signed agreement.

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