

RENA WEIFENBACH EDUCATIONAL FUND  
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
C/O Congregation Gates of Heaven  
852 Ashmore Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12309

Rena Weifenbach was a courageous woman and a devoted student of Judaism. Rena emphasized the study of Torah and, at an advanced age, mastered the chanting of Torah. Rena led book groups, examining both Jewish and secular literature. In the true spirit of Judaism and her profession of social work, Rena welcomed the stranger, always setting a place at her table for those new to the community and extending her hand in friendship. Rena was also very devoted to Israel, a strong Zionist who made many extended trips to Israel to tour the land and to visit dear friends. Rena personified the importance of knowledge – not for knowledge’s sake, but because Rena knew that knowledge was central to personal fulfillment, making us better Jews, better citizens, and more valuable to our families, our communities and ourselves. This scholarship is being awarded in Rena’s memory and in honor of her highest values. Each scholarship will serve as a testament to Rena’s commitment to the pursuit of knowledge, righteousness and justice.

Please print or type answers. Please also include a photo/headshot for our bulletin and press release to announce the award recipient. Scholarship application should be returned to Congregation Gates of Heaven by March 1st. The award is based both on need and merit. There shall be only one recipient per year. The recipient’s award shall consist of a \$1,000 scholarship made payable directly to the two or four college and/or university.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from applicant’s) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Place of work \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(w) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(home) \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from applicant’s) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Place of work \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (w) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's marital status (Please check one) \_\_\_Married \_\_\_Separated \_\_\_Divorced \_\_\_Widowed

With whom does the applicant reside? \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings and ages \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings attending college \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all high schools and colleges you have attended:

Name	Years	Graduation Date	GPA
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			
4. _____			

Please list your involvement in the following activities:

A. Extracurricular school activities, including offices held:

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B. Community and religious involvement, including volunteering:

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Please include the following with your application:

1. Your most recent high school or college transcript, your current GPA.
2. A 500 word essay (select one from below):
  - a. Tell us a little about yourself now, and about where you want to be in 10 years;
  - b. Explain how Judaism plays a role in your life; or
  - c. Submit your college application essay.
3. Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a teacher you have had recently. Letters can be sent directly to Kathy Laws at CGOH.
4. The committee will determine financial need by reviewing a copy of the financial award letter from your college or university that demonstrates that need based loans or scholarships have been offered by the school. The family also may provide additional documentation explaining any financial issues that they may feel are relevant to the committee in evaluating the recipient.- If this information is not available on April 1, please let the committee know, and provide as soon as it becomes available.
5. Provide the cost of the school, the amount of aid being provided, and the amount of loans.
6. Submit application materials in a sealed envelope to the Scholarship Committee, c/o Congregation Gates of Heaven before March 1 for the next scholarship year.

The committee reserves the right to decide to interview applicants if it is necessary to assist in the selection process.

Signature of  
Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of  
Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit application as early as possible. Please provide information together in one packet. Deadline for receipt of applications is March 1.