INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The Mordecai D. and Monique C. Katz Scholarships for Jewish Educators provide substantial tuition support for students preparing for careers in Jewish education. With ongoing individual guidance, students may craft their academic programs and career preparation along two different trajectories. Both paths are pursued through the Rebecca Ivry Department of Jewish Studies at Stern College for Women.

Path One: Jewish studies with a concentration in Jewish education
Coursework includes methodology courses and student teaching. During the senior year, students take course in the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration of Yeshiva University and may be enrolled in an accelerated program toward earning an MS degree.

Path Two: Jewish studies with a concentration in textual analysis with emphasis on Tanakh or Talmud
During the senior year, students may take courses in the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies of Yeshiva University and apply for admission, post-graduation, to the Masters Program in Biblical and Talmudic Interpretation (GPATS).

All scholarship recipients complete a major in Jewish studies, and will receive tuition support in the amount of $20,000 per year in the form of grants and forgivable loans, renewable for three years on campus in New York. Loans will be forgiven on a prorated basis, post-graduation, over the first two years in the field.

Katz Scholars will be chosen on a competitive basis. The selection committee will consider high school and post-high school Israel records, letters of recommendation and evidence of interest in and talent for a career in Jewish education. New applicants complete the regular application for admission to Stern College, as well as the supplemental forms found under “Mordecai D. and Monique C. Katz Scholarship for Jewish Educators Application.” Applicants for the program who have already been admitted to Stern College should complete only the “Application Supplement.”

Applicants will be invited to an interview. The deadline for complete applications is January 15, 2017.

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete application for admission to Yeshiva University
- Complete this application
- Complete the two essays
- Solicit two confidential letters of recommendation
- Finalists will be contacted to arrange for a personal interview
- Applications, letters of recommendation and other supporting documentation should be emailed to drabinov@yu.edu attn. Dr. Deena Rabinovich

If you do not have access to email, materials may be mailed to:
Yeshiva University
Office of Admissions
Katz Scholarship
500 West 185th Street, F101
New York, NY 10033

To be considered for the Scholars Program, applications, as well as all supporting documentation, must be complete prior to January 15, 2017. Late applications will not be considered.
APPLICANT DATA

Legal name________________________________________________________________________________________________________ _

Preferred name________________________________________________ Date of Birth__________________________________________ ___

Social Security number (only United States S.S. number) __________ — ___________ — ___________

Home address

Mailing address (if different from home address)

Phone

Email

High School Attended

Graduation Date Month Year

Are you currently studying in Israel?

☐ First Year

Name of Program

☐ Second Year

Name of Program

Contact information in Israel

Phone

E-mail

Please indicate if you are currently enrolled elsewhere or engaged in another post-high school program or activity.

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ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

Please list your school, community, athletic and leadership activities, as they relate to Jewish education, beginning with the one most important to you:

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Have you ever held a job relating to Jewish education? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please describe:

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Describe your past experience in informal/formal education, seminars and youth groups:

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Describe your special skills or talents:

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List scholarships, prizes or awards you have received both in and out of school:

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Two written letters of recommendation from current or former teachers who can speak to your past achievements and future potential as a Jewish educator.

Please list the names of the two people who will submit recommendations on your behalf.

1) ___________________________________________  2) ___________________________________________

Two essays are required. Both essays must be typed and of 400-500 words each.

1. Describe an individual who has had an impact on your choice of a career in Jewish education. Please be as specific as possible, although you do not need to identify the individual.

2. Imagine you are called in as a substitute teacher. Your task is to provide an engaging and self-contained lesson. What area of Jewish studies would you choose (Tanakh, halacha, Hebrew language, Jewish history)? In essay form, first define your audience (co-ed, grade level, etc.). Next, describe the ways in which you would present the material and engage the class.

This certifies that all information contained in this application is complete, accurate and prepared to the best of the applicant’s ability.
This student is applying for admission to the Mordecai D. and Monique C. Katz Scholarship for Jewish Educators of Yeshiva University. This program seeks to identify and attract exceptionally gifted undergraduate students who demonstrate high academic achievement, commitment to Jewish studies and leadership potential, and who are committed to a career in Jewish Education. Please comment on the candidate’s academic ability as well as her potential, personality, creativity and leadership qualities, and supply any additional information that might help the Scholarship Selection Committee understand why you think this candidate has the potential to be a truly outstanding educator.

All recommendations should be received no later than January 15, 2017, and should be emailed to drabinov@yu.edu attn. Dr. Deena Rabinovich

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