YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

THE ZAHAVA AND MOSHAEL STRAUS CENTER FOR TORAH AND WESTERN THOUGHT STRAUS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Application Supplement

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INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought of Yeshiva University helps develop Jewish thinkers and wisdom-seeking Jews by deepening their education in the best of the Jewish tradition, exposing them to the richness of human knowledge and insight from across the ages, and confronting them with the great moral, philosophical and theological questions of our age. The Straus Center is dedicated to bridging an immersion in Torah study with formative academic experience, and hosts numerous academic and communal programs throughout the year. For more information about the Straus Center please visit www.yu.edu/straus.

The Straus Scholars Program seeks to identify and attract exceptionally gifted undergraduate men and women who demonstrate high academic achievement, leadership potential, and commitment to studying the great works of the Jewish and Western traditions.

Straus Scholars will undertake a course of study that includes specially designed, unique interdisciplinary courses bridging Torah, art, literature, philosophy, and political science. Additionally, Straus Scholars will fully participate in supplementary programs and activities offered by the Straus Center, and have the opportunity for small group sessions wiht visiting dignitaries and intellectuals. Scholars will receive tuition support in the form of an annual scholarship up to $25,000, renewable for up to three years on campus in New York. Acceptance of this scholarship will replace any previous academic offers from Yeshiva University. The application for the Straus Scholars Program can be found at www.yu.edu/straus-scholars.

Straus Scholars will be chosen on a competitive basis. The Straus Center will consider high school and post-high school Israel records, letters of recommendation and proof of deep intellectual engagement with Western and Jewish thought. Select applicants will be notified and invited for individual interviews. Completed applications should be submitted by January 31, 2020. Late applications will not be considered.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Applicants who

- have already applied to Yeshiva College or Stern College
- have excelled in general and jewish studies while in high school
- are engaged in post-high school study in Israel
- demonstrate a commitment to Yeshiva University's philosophy of Torah Umadda and a deep interest in both Jewish and Western thought
- exhibit leadership potential through extracurricular activities and community involvement
- will be on the NY campus in Academic Year 2020–2021

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete this application
- Complete the essay
- Solicit two confidential letters of recommendation
- Email application and letters of recommendation to strauscenter@yu.edu by January 31, 2020

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APPLICANT DATA

Legal name_____
Last Name *First Name* *Middle Initial/Name*

Preferred name_____Date of Birth_____

Social Security number (only United States S.S. number) _____ —_____ —_____

Home address

_____
Number and Street

_____
City *State* *Zip*

_____
Phone

_____
Email

_____
High School Attended

_____
Graduation Date *Month* *Year*

Mailing address (if different from home address)

_____
Number and Street

_____
City *State* *Zip*

_____
Phone

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 and community leadership activities as they relate to Torah and Western thought, beginning with the one most important to you:

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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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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Two written letters of recommendation from current or former teachers who can speak to your past achievements and future potential in the realm of Torah Umadda.
- Please list the names of the two people who will submit recommendations on your behalf.

1)_____ 2)_____

ESSAY

- An essay is required. It must be typed and between 500-700 words.

Yeshiva University's ethos is captured by Torah Umadda. What intellectual and religious mission do you believe this phrase embodies?

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

This certifies that all information contained in this application is complete, accurate and prepared to the best of the applicant's ability.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

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Recommendation Form

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Signature

Print Name

Position

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