



2019-2020 GENERAL INFORMATION & APPLICATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION

JCC Association's Professional Development Scholarship Program is designed to help current full-time JCC professionals deepen and enhance their professional knowledge in order to advance their career at a JCC.

There are three different types of scholarships available. Scholarships are available for:

1. **Degree-seeking professionals** e.g. MA, MS (post-graduate degree only)
2. Professionals looking to obtain a **certification** in a specified area
3. Professionals who want to further their career through **continued education** (e.g. one class on a specific subject)

Eligibility

To qualify for one of JCC Association's Professional Development Scholarships, you must be:

- Working full-time at a JCC while in school **AND**
- Pursuing your degree on a full- or part-time basis
- Must be working in your current JCC at least one year (full-time)

Available Funding

JCC professionals may receive up to \$5,000/check (with a cap of \$20,000 total) during their time as a JCC Association Professional Scholarship recipient

- Scholarships will be awarded on a school-year based academic calendar, two semesters at a time.
- Scholarships for certificates and continuing education will be based on the cost of the program, as well as available funds.

Deadlines

JCC Association offers 2 deadlines for becoming a JCC Association Professional Development Scholar (regardless of whether you are a degree-seeking, certificate seeking or continuing-education-seeking applicant).

- Those who wish to be considered for **both the Fall and Spring semesters** must apply by **June 1st**
- Those who wish to be considered for **ONLY the Spring semester** must apply by **October 1st**.

Please continue for the JCC Association Professional Development Scholarship Application...

Application process

1. Send a **completed application* to Yael Warach (y.warach@jcca.org) by the designated deadline (either June 1st or October 1st)
2. JCC Association’s Professional Development Team may request an interview as Part 2 of the application process – please note, all degree-seeking applicants being considered for a scholarship should expect to have an interview with a member of the JCC Association staff
3. Decisions will be made and applicants will be contacted

****A completed application includes the following:***

	Completed Application	Recommendation from Executive Director	Recommendation from 2 nd Source (Professional)	Essay	Brochure/Outline of degree and Program Requirements	Outline of Program Costs/Funding Requested*
Degree-Seeking	x	x	x	x	x	x
Certificate	x	x		x	x	x
Continuing Education	x	x				x

**In the outline of program costs/funding requested, feel free to include things such as anticipated travel, hotel/accommodations, books, etc.*

A failure to provide all required documents will disqualify the applicant from consideration.

Re-certification

If awarded a scholarship that spans multiple years, the recipient must **re-certify** each academic year with proof of employment, previous semester’s grades, and proof of registration in order to continue to receive a scholarship from JCC Association. A 3.0 GPA or better is required to reapply for additional funding. Information regarding re-certification will be communicated pending receipt of scholarship award.

Work Requirement

Applicants should be aware that there may be a work requirement after graduation, based on the total amount of scholarship funding received from JCC Association. Failure to complete this requirement will turn the scholarship into an interest-free loan, and the recipient will be required to pay back this amount in full to JCC Association. One does not have to complete the work requirement from the JCC they currently work in, they can complete this at any affiliated JCC or camp. See below for a detailed breakdown of this requirement.

\$19,500 - 20,000: 2 year work requirement
 \$14,500 - 15,000: 1.5 year work requirement
 \$9,500 - 10,000: 1 year work requirement
 \$4,500 - 5,000: 6 month work requirement

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(Must Be Typed or Reproduced by Computer)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

JCC Name:

Address:

Email (work):

Phone (work):

Which scholarship program are you applying to? (Please only mark one)

Degree

Certificate

Continuing Ed.

Is your JCC giving you financial support for any portion of your education?

Yes

No

If yes, please note how much_____

GENERAL EDUCATION - Beginning with *most recent*.

College, Graduate and Professional Schools Attended	From Mo. Yr.	Graduation Mo. Yr.	Degree Received	Specialized Field of Study	GPA

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Start with most recent.

Dates of Employment	Your Title and Brief Description	F/T, P/T, Summer	Agency & Address	Supervisor

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

List involvement in communal and professional activities as a volunteer.

Dates	Position and Responsibilities	Agency & Address	Reported to:

SUPPLEMENTARY TRAINING EXPERIENCES

List the training institutes, courses & workshops in which you participated, including any/all JCC Association training experiences such as JCCs of North American Professional Conference, etc.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

List special achievements, honors, publications & scholarships achieved in the prior 24 months.

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FOR DEGREE-SEEKING APPLICANTS (ALL OTHERS PLEASE SKIP)

If you are not currently enrolled in a degree-seeking program (and are applying to one), please fill out the below information. If you are applying for one of our partnership programs (information can be found at jcca.org/scholarships) please indicate with an *.

	School/Program	Degree(s)	Expected Graduation Date	Accepted?	Total Cost of Program
1st choice					
2nd choice					
3rd choice					

If you are currently enrolled in a graduate program, please fill out the below:

School/Program	Degree(s)	Expected Graduation Date	Cost of Program (until graduation)

FOR CERTIFICATE-SEEKING APPLICANTS (ALL OTHERS PLEASE SKIP)

Please indicate the certificate program you are applying for. Please state how long the program will take and total cost of the program.

School/Program	Certificate	Start Date (Month/Year)	End date (Month/Year)	Total Cost

FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICANTS (ALL OTHERS PLEASE SKIP)

Please indicate the continuing education you are applying for. Please state the start and end date(s), and total cost of the program.

School/Program	Course(s)	Expected Completion Date	Total Cost

How did you learn about the JCC Association Professional Development Scholarship Program? (If you were referred by an employee of a JCC or of JCC Association, please include their name).

Have you previously been a recipient of the JCC Association Professional Development Scholarship Program?

Yes ___

No ___

If yes, please provide details (e.g., when you received funding, what program you were enrolled in at the time):

Please list other scholarships, if any, for which you are also applying or have been awarded for use toward this educational program. Please also include the amount of funding you have received/applied for.

RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A critical component of the application process is the recommendation from your Executive Director. This recommendation should explain why you are seeking the scholarship, and how this degree or program will benefit you, your career, your JCC, and the JCC Movement as a whole.

RECOMMENDATION FROM SECOND SOURCE (for Degree seeking applicants)

This recommendation should highlight you and your achievements, as well as outline why you deserve to receive a scholarship from JCC Association.

ESSAY

Your essay should explain why you feel you are deserving of receiving a scholarship from JCC Association. The essay should also demonstrate why your degree or program is necessary for your professional development, career goals, how it will enhance your JCC and the JCC Movement, and any other factors you believe the committee should know about you when considering your application.

Please title it "Essay – Your Name". Be sure that it does **not exceed two pages**.

BUDGET

Please include a budget, per semester, of the costs for the program (and funding for which you are applying). We encourage all applicants to include all components of cost (including anticipated travel, hotel, books, tuition, etc.) in their budget breakdown.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS OR COMMITMENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP:

I am aware of the conditions of the scholarship for which I am applying and I am ready to commit myself to the requirements outlines above.

Date _____ Name (Signed) _____