

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is the Application Due Date?

The application must be submitted in its entirety **by May 15, 2026** in order to be considered. **Unfortunately, we are unable to make provisions to review applications beyond that date.**

2. When will the AJLI scholarships be announced?

The AJLI Board typically decides on its scholarship recipients by the end of June. All applicants will be notified of their application status.

3. How much is awarded under the AJLI scholarship program?

The scholarship awards typically range from \$4,000 to \$6,000 and are designed to help defray the costs of tuition at your study program in Israel.

4. How many scholarships are awarded?

Depending on the number of qualified applications, we have typically awarded 5 to 6 scholarships each year.

5. How are scholarship proceeds disbursed?

All scholarship proceeds will be disbursed directly to your study program in Israel. We are unable to disburse funds directly to the scholar or defray non-tuition related costs.

6. Who can apply for these AJLI scholarships?

The AJLI Scholarship program's mission is to foster Jewish spiritual and cultural values through the experience of living and studying in Israel and, at the same time, strengthen the ties that bind Jews in the United States to Jews in Israel. Applicants must a) be a US citizen, b) identify as Jewish or strongly committed to strengthening ties between Jewish communities, c) have a strong connection to the American Jewish community, and d) need to attend school in person in Israel. Preference will be given to those returning the US after study, though candidates who are making Aliyah may be eligible if they demonstrate how they will contribute to the mission of strengthening the ties and having a long-term sustained interaction with the American Jewish community. Occasionally, non-Jewish candidates are also considered if they have a track record of engagement with the Jewish community as well as a future career path dedicated to working with and being of service to the Jewish community.

These scholarships are only for students studying at one of the accredited universities in Israel. Eligible programs include undergraduate studies (one semester or a full year), graduate studies, etc.

7. What are the 2026 Essay Questions?

- Describe your role in a project or organization that made you proud. (100-500 words)
- Why are you passionate about your intended field of study and/or studying in Israel? Please explain what you wish to achieve during your time in Israel. (200-500 words)
- How would you further the connection between the US and Israel either during your studies or afterward? (50-500 words)