

Academic Year 2008-2009

Dear Applicant:

Enclosed in this packet are the eligibility and application guidelines and forms for the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America National Educational Grants to be awarded in August 2009. The following grants will be awarded:

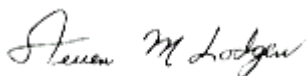
- Bernard Rotberg Memorial Scholarship \$1000
- Louis S. Silvey Grant \$750
- JWV Grant \$500

Part I of the application is to be completed by the applicant. Please Note that Part II of the application must be completed by the applicant's school and mailed directly to the appropriate JWV Department Commander **not to the National Office in Washington, DC.**

We recommend that you submit any additional materials or reference letters that offer a complete picture of your academic work. In addition, please include any information that relates to your activities in community service, Jewish affairs and extra curricular service.

Thank you for applying and best wishes.

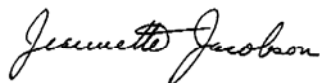
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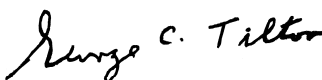
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National Education Grant Program

Each year at the National Convention, National Headquarters awards three (3) scholarships to students entering their first year of college. The three (3) scholarships are the \$1,000 Bernard Rotberg Award, the \$750 Louis S. Silvey Award and the \$500 JWV Award.

Eligibility

1. Only JWV members in good standing and the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of JWV members in good standing shall be eligible for the National Education Grants. The above listed descendents of deceased JWV members are eligible.
2. Applicants must have been accepted by an accredited four-year college or university or a three-year hospital school of nursing as members of the freshman class entering in the fall of the year the student applied.

Application Process

1. Applications, made available by National Headquarters must be completed by the applicant and his/her school. All applications must be signed by the JWV member's Post Commander in order to verify the applicant's eligibility.
2. Completed applications are forwarded to the Department Commander by the applicant's school. It is the responsibility of the applicant to furnish the school with the name and address of the Department Commander. All applications must bear the Department Commander or Department Scholarship Chairman's signature.

***It is recommended that a stamped envelope addressed to the Department Commander be submitted with the application to the school official. ***

3. Each Department will forward their top three (3) applicants to the National Scholarship Chairman at National Headquarters for consideration at the National Conference.
4. Winners will be announced at the annual National Convention. Winners need not be present at the convention in order to receive the award.

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES IS A COPY OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2008-09.

National Education Grant Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must be a **Direct Descendant** (child, grandchild, great grandchild) of members in good standing of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America. If applicant's relative is deceased, member must have been in good standing at the time of his/her death.
(If the JWV member is deceased, and you do not know what post he/she belonged to, call your Department Commander for assistance in locating the post. However, many Posts do not keep records of past members. JWV National Headquarters **does not** have records of individual Post or Department members. It is the **applicant's responsibility** to obtain verification of this information.)
2. Applicant must be a high school senior.
3. Applicants must be accepted as freshman entering in the fall semester by an accredited four-year college or university or a three-year hospital school of nursing.
4. Applicants must be in the upper 25% of their high school graduating class.
5. Strong consideration is given to applicant's ability to demonstrate involvement and leadership in extra curricular activities, their Jewish community and the community at large.

National Education Grant Application Procedures

1. Applicants must complete all sections of Part I of the Application Form.
2. The Application Form must be signed by the JWV member related to the applicant and the JWV member's Post Commander.
3. After the signatures are obtained, the applicant should forward Part I and II of the application form to school officials along with a stamped envelope addressed to the appropriate Department Commander.
(The Department Commander who receives the application must be the Commander of the Department in which the JWV member's Post is located. Example: If the applicant resides in New York but the JWV member is a member of a Florida Post, the application must be sent to the Department of Florida Commander.)
4. The applicant's school must complete Part II of the Application Form and forward the completed application in the pre-addressed envelope to the proper Department Commander no later than **May 1, 2009**. **Do not mail completed application to the JWV headquarters in Washington, DC.**
5. Upon receipt, the Department Commander will sign the Application Form and forward all materials from the Department's **top three applications** to the JWV National Headquarters. Applications must be received by the national headquarters no later than **June 30, 2009**. Applications received by the National Headquarters from anyone other than a Department Commander or Department Scholarship Chairman will be disqualified.
6. National Education Grant winners will be selected and announced at the JWV National Convention which will take place August 16-23, 2009.
7. National Headquarters will notify the proper Department Commander of a winner from within his/her department's area. The Department Commander will then notify the winner and present the award.

JWV EDUCATION GRANT SELECTION GUIDELINES

1. Winners are selected largely based on College Entrance Examination scores including SAT and/or ACT composite scores and three SAT Achievement (SAT II) scores (one of which should be English).
2. A point system determines the position of an applicant for each category.
3. The highest score by an applicant will be the score considered for each category.
4. Each applicant's test scores will be considered in comparison with the scores of the other applicants. If the SAT/ACT and the three SAT Achievement Test scores yield a tie between applicants, the first tiebreaker will be the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) score. If there is still a tie between any of the top four applicants, the applicant's class rank will serve as the final tiebreaker.
5. If an applicant has not taken one of the requested tests, the applicant will receive a score of zero for that category.
6. The winners will be determined based on the total points accumulated in all categories.
7. For the integrity of the selection process, it is necessary that the applicant's school is providing all information to the Scholarship Committee.

National Education Grant Application Form

PART I

Name of Applicant _____
Last First Middle

Address _____ College Accepted to and
_____ Planning to Attend _____
_____ School Address _____

Name of Relative who is JWV Member _____

Your Relationship to JWV Member _____

Extra Curricular Activities (Attach Separate Sheet if necessary)

YOUR SIGNATURES VERIFY THAT THIS APPLICATION MEETS THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS TO APPLY FOR THE JWV EDUCATION GRANT.

SIGNATURES:

Applicant _____

JWV Member _____

Post Commander _____ Post # _____

Department Commander/Chairman _____ Dept: _____

National Education Grant Application Form

PART II

Instructions for School Officials:

Please attach a transcript of the applicant's grades and test scores. Please use this information to fill in the form below with the correct information. Use the stamped and addressed envelope provided to you by the applicant to forward this information on to the appropriate Department Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA.

Schools Officials must complete this section:

| | Score |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| High School Grade Point Average | _____ |
| SAT Composite Score | _____ |
| ACT Composite Score | _____ |
| SAT II English | _____ |
| SAT II Achievement in _____ | _____ |
| SAT II Achievement in _____ | _____ |
| PSAT/NMSQT | _____ |
| Class Rank | _____ |
| Other | _____ |

For Use by National Scholarship Committee Only:

_____ Score _____ Rank _____