



JEWISH COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

**Ben and Martin Jabenis Memorial
Endowment Fund
Scholarship Application**

Deadline to Apply: Rolling

Submit Completed Applications to: scholarships@jcfkc.org

Personal Information

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

This scholarship requires an applicant to identify as Jewish; please confirm your eligibility:

Yes

No

Below, please describe your connection to Jewish life (note that this is for biographical purposes and candidates will not be evaluated based on level of involvement).

Educational Information

School currently attending: _____

Year in School: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Current GPA: _____

Enrollment status (check one):

Full-time student

Part-time student

College Now participant (dual enrollment high school student)

How many classes do you anticipate taking:

- Fall Semester: _____
- Spring Semester: _____

Please submit an unofficial copy of your transcript.

Expenses

Anticipated expenses related to JCCC studies for the entire school year: \$ _____

Total Amount Requested: \$ _____

If previous recipient, previous amount awarded by semester and year: \$ _____

Study area of interest: _____

Financial Information

Have you completed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)?

Yes

No

(If yes, please attach a copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report or relevant financial documents.)

Please describe your financial need for this scholarship (250 words max):

Are you currently receiving any other scholarships or financial aid?

Yes

No

If yes, please list: _____

Activities and Interests

Please list the following activities including hours per week and dates of participation.
You may submit a resume in lieu of completing this section.

Current School Activities:

Current Activities Outside of School or Work:

Interests, Hobbies and Intellectual Pursuits:

Additional Information

Are you the first member of your family to pursue a degree beyond high school?

Yes

No

Essay

Please answer the following questions on a separate page in 300 words or less (typed):

- What motivated you to further your education at JCCC?
- Is there anything else you would like the Scholarship Committee to know about you?
- If you are a past Scholarship recipient, how have your educational or career goals changed since you first received funding?

References

Please provide one or two reference letters from current or past teachers and/or non-family members who can attest to your character. They may use the form at jcfkc.org/JabenisScholarship or submit an existing reference letter.

Letters should be sent directly from the referrer to scholarships@jcfkc.org or mailed to JCF, Attn: Jabenis Scholarship, 5801 W. 115th Street, Suite 104, Overland Park, KS 66211.

Applicant Acknowledgment:

I understand that scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis, with priority given to full-time JCCC students, then to College Now and part-time students. I certify that the information provided in my statement of financial need is accurate. I acknowledge that I may be required to submit documentation verifying my financial status prior to the awarding of scholarship funds.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Checklist Before Submitting

- Completed Application Form
- Unofficial Transcript
- Financial Need Statement (and FAFSA/financial documents if applicable)
- Personal Essay
- One or Two Reference Letters
- Resume (if desired)

Ben and Martin Jabenis Memorial Endowment Fund

Mission: The mission of the Ben and Martin Jabenis Memorial Endowment Fund is to honor the legacy of Ben and Martin Jabenis by providing educational opportunities to Jewish students who demonstrate financial need. Through this fund, the values of compassion, courage, and care for others — exemplified by Ben and Martin — will continue to impact future generations.

Purpose: The Ben and Martin Jabenis Memorial Endowment Fund was established through the generosity of the late Larry and Sandie Jabenis in memory of their sons, Ben and Martin, who lived bravely with Familial Dysautonomia. The purpose of the fund is to provide need-based scholarships to Jewish students attending Johnson County Community College (JCCC) and Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy (HBHA). By supporting students in their academic pursuits, the fund seeks to remove financial barriers and enable recipients to benefit from the outstanding educational opportunities at both institutions.

Criteria of Scholarship:

- Open to Jewish students currently enrolled at Johnson County Community College (JCCC) or Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy (HBHA).
- Preference is given to full-time JCCC students; however, part-time students and College Now participants will also be considered.
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need.
- Scholarships may cover up to the full cost of tuition and books for eligible JCCC students.
- JCCC scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis throughout the year.
- HBHA scholarships will be distributed through HBHA's existing scholarship process.
- Students with special needs are especially encouraged to apply.

Policies and Procedures

- Scholarships will be **awarded on a rolling basis**, at least during the fund's inaugural year.
- Applicants are required to submit a **statement of financial need** with their application.
 - **Note:** While W-2 forms or tax returns are not initially required, **proof of financial status may be requested** before scholarship funds are awarded.

Amount: Grants will go to JCCC Foundation and can cover books (a "full ride" with books is roughly \$1,500/semester).

Deadline: This scholarship is rolling. Please note that the scholarship is handled entirely by the Advisory Committee of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City.