

## **CONGREGATION SHA'ARE SHALOM SISTERHOOD SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any student in their senior year of high school whose family are members of Congregation Sha'are Shalom may apply for a scholarship.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Up to two graduating seniors who are entering college or university in the Fall 2026 semester may be awarded scholarships of \$500 each. Applications will be reviewed by the Sisterhood Scholarship Committee. Recipients will be notified by Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

**PRESENTATION:** Scholarship recipients will be announced at Congregation Sha'are Shalom's annual meeting on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

**APPLICATIONS** will be evaluated, and awards will be determined, based on the following:

- 1. Participation in Jewish activities/organizations**
- 2. Quality of essays**
- 3. Community Service**

The scholarship award will be made on the recipient's behalf **only to the college or university that the recipient will be entering.**

Final decisions regarding selection of recipients, procedures, or rulings rest with the Sisterhood Scholarship Committee. For more information, please contact Mindee Trudell and Rachel Wallace, Sisterhood Co-Presidents at [sisterhood@shaare-shalom.org](mailto:sisterhood@shaare-shalom.org).

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APPLICATION**

**Application is due Monday, April 20, 2026**

Return to Jessica Wadler, Director of Education and Youth Activities  
via email at [edu\\_dir@shaare-shalom.org](mailto:edu_dir@shaare-shalom.org)

***Identifying information will be redacted prior to review by the Sisterhood Scholarship Committee.***

Name of Applicant:

Address:

Phone:

High School Attending:

**Religious School Education:** (check all that apply)

I completed the seventh grade at Congregation Sha'are Shalom

I completed the seventh grade at \_\_\_\_\_

I completed the post b'nai mitzvah program (through 10<sup>th</sup> grade) at Congregation Sha'are Shalom

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**Jewish Activities:** (please list activity, years of participation, leadership roles held, etc. - you may type on a separate page and attach to the application)

**School and Community Activities:** (please list activity, years of participation, leadership roles held, etc. - you may type on a separate page and attach to the application)

**Essay Questions:** (Each essay should be roughly 200 words and typed. Please attach your responses to the application.)

1. What has it meant to you to be a member of the Congregation Sha'are Shalom community? How has the time you have spent here helped shape your Jewish identity?
  
2. Based on your personal experiences or observations, how do you assess the current climate of antisemitism? Reflect on your personal responsibility and describe actionable steps you as a teenager could take to effectively stand up to hate and foster a more inclusive environment.

**Applicant's Signature:**

**Date:**