

Instructions for Hebrew College's 2025-2026 Application for Financial Aid

If you do not need financial aid, you do NOT need to read this document or complete the application.

Hebrew College is eager to help you develop plans to pay for and/or finance your educational and living expenses. Should you have any questions about your financial aid options, the application process, or the status of your application, please [visit our web page](#) or contact Mia Tavan, Financial Aid Coordinator, at mtavan@hebrewcollege.edu.

Confidentiality: All financial aid information supplied by you is considered confidential and will not be made available to any individual or entity not directly connected with granting financial aid at Hebrew College.

Types of aid: Aid may be awarded by the College in the form of multi-year fellowships, single-year scholarships, and/or need-based grants. Financial aid awarded by the College will be applied towards your tuition and fees only. Federal loans, if you qualify, may be used towards tuition, fees, and living expenses that are affiliated with your enrollment.

Eligibility: Financial aid is available to matriculated students in master's and/or ordination programs only. Aid may be offered to newly accepted candidates in most of Hebrew College's degree programs, and to continuing degree candidates in good academic standing. **Students who do not receive a multi-year fellowship from the College, or whose fellowship expired, or who require a need-based grant, and/or intend to borrow federal student loan funds must re-apply for aid each academic year.**

To qualify for financial aid, you must:

- Be accepted into one of Hebrew College's master's and/or ordination programs.
- Enroll at least half-time in both the fall and spring semesters. (If you are in your final year of enrollment before completing your degree program and you enroll less than half-time, you may still qualify for federal aid. Please contact us.)
- Be in good academic standing within your program of study.
- Not have any outstanding tuition and fees owed to Hebrew College from the current or previous semesters.
- Meet federal guidelines to receive federal aid.

Applicants for admission: If you are applying for admission into one of Hebrew College's degree programs, **you are encouraged, but not required,** to submit the Hebrew College Application for Financial Aid and your FAFSA when you apply for admission. (Non-U.S. citizens/foreign students cannot complete the FAFSA but should still complete our form.)

- This form may be completed and submitted as early as December 1, 2024. The sooner we receive your paperwork, the sooner you will receive your financial aid notification.
- **The deadline for applicants to ordination programs** to submit your "Application for Financial Aid" and your FAFSA is February 1, 2025.
- **If you are accepted and you defer your enrollment,** a new financial aid application will be required by March 1 prior to the planned start of your program.

Continuing matriculated students: If you are a continuing Hebrew College student receiving federal student loans, you **must** submit a new Hebrew College Application for Financial Aid **and** your FAFSA by March 1 each year. Financial aid applications received after this deadline will be considered, but the amount of institutional aid available may be limited.

If you are not using federal student loans, but your multi-year fellowship has expired and you would like to be considered for aid from the College for the upcoming academic year, you must complete a new Application for Financial Aid.

FAFSA for federal student loans: **If you intend to borrow federal student loan money, you must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in addition to the College's Application for Financial Aid***. The Education Department will not lend federal student loans without a completed FAFSA on file. Non-U.S. citizens cannot complete the FAFSA. **For more information and to complete the FAFSA, go to studentaid.gov. Hebrew College's FAFSA code is 002157.**

- You will need your **2023** federal income taxes information, which would have been filed by April 15, 2024.
- The FAFSA website will automatically send a summary of the completed report, based on the information you provided, to you and to the College.
- Please note that we will not process your student loan request until after we receive your Hebrew College "Application for Financial Aid" below, **and** you are accepted into one of our degree programs.

***Current vs. Prior-Prior Year:** While this year's FAFSA should be completed based on your 2023 income, assets, and family circumstances ("prior-prior year"), Hebrew College's 2025-2026 Application for Financial Aid should be completed based on your **current** income, assets, and family circumstances because we are keenly aware that your current financial circumstances may be very different from what you were experiencing in the past two years. If this is the case, we ask that you attach a statement outlining the changes that have occurred (such as medical expenses, unemployment, or other unforeseen impactful events).

- **Federal income taxes must be completed and filed:** The tax information on which the 2025-2026 FAFSA application is based was due to be filed by April 15, 2024—this is your tax return for the 2023 calendar year. Please note that if your FAFSA application is selected for verification, you will be required to submit an official IRS tax transcript of your 2023 taxes during the verification process. No aid can be disbursed until the verification process is completed.
- **For those not required to file federal income taxes:** If you are a non-tax filer, we ask that you submit a signed statement* indicating that you have not filed and that you are not required to file federal income taxes. You must also provide W-2 or 1099 forms to verify your income for the year. ** This statement can be a typed letter, or, if you prefer, you may complete the form and check item seven at irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506t.pdf.*

Non-U.S. citizens/foreign students must supply income and visa information. A foreign student is a non-eligible, non-citizen if they are or will be in the U.S. on a visa, including the F-1 Student Visa issued through the school.

- If you are in the U.S. on a visa other than an F-1 Student Visa received through Hebrew College, you must provide a copy of your current passport and visa.
- You might qualify for Hebrew College scholarships, fellowships, or need-based grants.
- You are still required to supply income information even if your income is from a country other than the U.S. All information must be supplied in writing and in English showing U.S. dollar amounts.
- Non-eligible, foreign students cannot complete the FAFSA.

If there is any other relevant information that would help us to understand your needs, please attach a typed statement to the application that explains the unique circumstances we should take into consideration.

[Learn more about federal student loans here.](#)

Next Steps for the Hebrew College Application for Financial Aid:

If you are a prospective or newly-enrolled student, are ONLY applying for fellowships, scholarships, and other merit awards, and do NOT wish to be considered for need-based aid, COMPLETE PAGE 1 and simply SIGN PAGE 2 of the application.

If you wish to be considered for need-based aid AND fellowships, scholarships, and merit awards, COMPLETE BOTH PAGES and SIGN PAGE 2.

REMINDER: If you do not need financial aid or merit awards, you do NOT need to fill out this form.

If you would prefer not to submit Hebrew College's Application for Financial Aid via an email attachment that includes your private information, please ask the Financial Aid Office to send you this form using DocuSign.

What happens after you submit the Hebrew College Application for Financial Aid and your FAFSA (if needed):

Type of Aid	Next Steps
Hebrew College scholarships, fellowships, and/or other merit awards or need-based grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The program dean or director, the Director of Student Services, and the Director of Admissions (for new students) will meet to determine whether you qualify for any awards and what the amount would be.• The Financial Aid Coordinator will notify you about any award that has been selected for you.• If you would like to request additional financial aid to cover your expenses, please outline your needs in a message to the Financial Aid Coordinator and we will let you know if additional funding is available.
Federal student loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the Education Department, upon receiving your FAFSA, approves your eligibility to receive new loans, our Financial Aid Coordinator will send you a Loan Request Form to complete which authorizes us to initiate the loan process with the government.• Once we receive the loan funds from the government, we will notify you that the funds have been applied to your account.• If there is a loan refund or tuition balance, the Student Services Coordinator will contact you to confirm the next steps.

Questions? Please contact the Hebrew College Financial Aid Office at mtavan@hebrewcollege.edu or financialaid@hebrewcollege.edu. We are here to help make this process as easy as possible for you!

Additional funding sources: Occasionally we come across outside scholarships and loan sources and research tools for additional aid for which Hebrew College students may qualify. **Check them out on our website!** Applying for these outside funding sources is up to you, however, you are required to report any third-party scholarship and/or additional loan funding to our Financial Aid Office so that we can document it in your financial aid package.