

Lester Robert Morss Scholarship for Jewish Studies

Overview

Lester Morss was a chemist and a life-long scholar who believed in the power of knowledge to change the world, in the spirit of Tikkun Olam. He was committed to promoting academic scholarship and assisting those who are less fortunate. After he passed away in 2014, family and friends joined together to establish a scholarship fund to assist high school and college students who wish to participate in one of the following:

1. Pursue study in Israel through an established academic program
2. Complete a service project with an established Jewish organization

Funds available

Two scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded during each scholarship cycle.

Applicant Eligibility:

1. Current high school or college students
2. Current or former members of Columbia Jewish Congregation or Jewish residents of Howard County.

Application Components:

The application should include the following information:

1. Resume (including name, contact information, school, and course of study)
2. Essay (maximum of 1 page) describing
 - a) The study program or service project
 - b) Your motivation for pursuing the program or project
 - c) How the program/project will impact you
 - d) How the program/project will fulfill the spirit of Tikkun Olam
 - e) Why the funds are needed, and what other funding sources are available
3. Project timeline (as specific as possible)
4. Budget (as specific as possible)

Application Process:

- Applications should be submitted electronically to LRMScholarship@columbiajewish.org or personally to Robin Rosenfeld in the Columbia Jewish Congregation office.
- Applications are due February 15 (for spring/summer funding) and June 15 (for fall/winter funding).
- Applicants will be notified of their status by March 15 or July 15.
- Awardees must submit relevant receipts as well as project outcomes within one month of completion of the program/project.

Communication

Awardees will be expected to prepare a review of their project/experience and submit it to CJC. They may be asked to share their experience with the community at a service or at CJCS.



Wherever you are in your journey, you are welcome here.

LESTER ROBERT MORSS SCHOLARSHIP

The Lester Robert Morss Scholarship fund was established to assist students who wish to pursue study in Israel or a service project sponsored by a Jewish organization in the spirit of Tikkun Olam. The scholarship is designated for current or former members of Columbia Jewish Congregation or Jewish residents of Howard County.

- . Lester Morss was a chemist and a scholar who supported educational opportunities and service to the community, especially to assist those who are less fortunate.

APPLICATION

Name _____ Date of Application _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

School _____ Year _____ Course of Study _____

Proposed Project _____

Project Time Period _____

Under separate cover, please submit

1. Project Budget, including funding request
2. An essay as to why you wish to pursue this project.
3. Additional information you think will assist the committee in making a decision on the request.