

San Diego Jewish Academy Tanya and Charles Brandes Merit Scholarship Application

Application Deadline is March 15th.

SECTION 1: Applicant Contact Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Permanent Street Address		Apartment/Unit
City	State	Zip Code
		Email Address
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Gender
Mother's Name	Father's Name	Parents Live Together <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Mother's Cell	Father's Cell	

SECTION 2: Educational History

School Currently Attending	Attended Since	High School Graduation Date
	Grades ___ - ___	
Name of Current School's Principal	Telephone Number	
School Previously Attended	Grades ___ - ___	
Current Academic GPA*	Last Year's Academic GPA*	Academic GPA* from 2 years ago

- Academic GPA excludes P.E., and any other non- academic electives

SECTION 3: Honors, Awards, Activities

Honors/Awards

Name/Description	Date Awarded

Activities/Clubs	Involvement			Positions held, responsibilities, & accomplishments
	dates from/to	hours per week	total hours	

Tikkun Olam	Involvement			Positions held, responsibilities, & accomplishments
	dates from/to	hours per week	total hours	

Section 4: Written Narratives (Attach a separate sheet for the following answers)

Short Answers

1. Choose two of the activities or Tikkun Olam projects within your school or the community that have been the most important to you and briefly state why each was important.
2. What do you hope to accomplish within the next four years of your life, and why?

Essay (250 – 300 words)

1. Why should the scholarship committee consider you to be worthy of a merit scholarship based upon the selection criteria?

Section 5: Signature

I attest that all of the information on this application is true and accurate. Any false information will be grounds for disqualification and/or revocation of any scholarship that may have been awarded.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

San Diego Jewish Academy Tanya and Charles Brandes Merit Scholarship Program

Program Purpose and Objectives

1. Proactively identify, recruit and retain highly meritorious students
2. Increase the enrollment at San Diego Jewish Academy
3. Enhance the program with the infusion of additional highly meritorious students
4. Retain and recruit high caliber students which will further enhance the quality and richness of SDJA's student body and programs

Description of the Awards

The Tanya and Charles Brandes Merit Scholarship Program at San Diego Jewish Academy was established in July 2007 by the generous contribution and ongoing commitment of the Brandes Foundation. The program is designed to honor highly meritorious students and provide a financial incentive and reward for the student to receive a value based education at San Diego Jewish Academy.

Every student who is selected for this honor will receive a tuition waiver equaling 50% of the tuition at San Diego Jewish Academy for up to four years. The grant will be renewed for each of the remaining three years, after the initial grant, subject to the student's maintaining a good standing in their academic, behavioral, and other pursuits which qualified them in the first place.

The program will select up to ten (10) students each year for the multi-year scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria

- For current SDJA students, preference will given to those who will be entering 9th grade
- New students to SDJA who are entering 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th grade.
- Minimum 3.5 GPA.

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated a passion and commitment to personal achievement
- Possess a strong desire to advance through education
- Demonstrated an ability to set goals and follow through with deeds
- Evidence of serving others and enhancing the community through volunteer efforts in the school and/or other venues
- Demonstrated outstanding achievement in a given area such as; math, music, science, art, athletics, Jewish life

Application Process

- If interested, a family will be sent a scholarship application packet, and, if appropriate, an application to SDJA.
- If the applicant is not a currently enrolled SDJA student, then the student will need to complete an SDJA application as well.

Renewable Nature of the Scholarship

- Each scholarship is renewable for three additional years beyond the initial year.
- In order to be renewed, the recipient must maintain a 3.5 GPA, demonstrate continued community service, and maintain full compliance with all school rules.
- Recipients will prepare a written portfolio each spring that evidences the requirements and which addresses the initial selection criteria. This portfolio will include information regarding the prior academic year such as; recipient's grades, evidence of significant community service, leadership contribution, and a reflection of the past year including student's effort at accomplishing his/her personal best and other noteworthy accomplishments.
- Recipient will also orally present his/her portfolio to the review committee
- The review committee, which is not the same committee as the original selection committee, will determine whether the student's scholarship is renewed for the coming year.

Application Checklist

- Complete the application form
- Write narratives (Section 4) and follow the directions as to length. This is to be completed by the student by him/her self
- Additional supporting documents such as; report cards, awards, news articles, etc. may be attached to the application
- Provide a Faculty Recommendation form to each of two recent teachers. Give them plenty of notice and time to complete the recommendation. Provide each person with a pre-addressed (use address below), stamped envelope for their use.
- Provide a Personal Reference form to an individual who knows you well, but is not a relative or a family friend. Give him/her plenty of notice and time to complete the recommendation. Provide him/her with a pre-addressed (use address below), stamped envelope for their use.
- Return all materials to:
San Diego Jewish Academy
Brandes Merit Scholarship Committee
11860 Carmel Creek Rd.
San Diego, Calif. 92130