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## MEN OF REFORM JUDAISM BETH-EL CONGREGATION FORT WORTH, TEXAS

The MRJ feels that it is worthwhile to reward the children of Beth-El Congregation that have invested themselves in the Congregation, its organizations, and the associated activities. The MRJ further believes extending that investment into the Jewish community is an important quality, too. By encouraging these behaviors, the MRJ hopes to reinforce our desire to create future leaders within our Reform Movement. Therefore, the MRJ is offering one (1) scholarship to the children of Beth-El Congregation who will be incoming freshmen to a 2-year or 4-year college starting in the 2012 fall semester. The recipient will receive a one-time disbursement upon scholarship award to apply to their college expenses.

The application process is open to all graduating high school seniors:

- Whose family is a member in good standing of Beth-El Congregation
- Who will enter college in the fall semester of the calendar year in which the scholarship is awarded

Please complete the attached scholarship application carefully and completely. You may attach additional pages as necessary or type the complete responses on separate pages. You may include letters of recommendation from teachers, rabbis, educators, youth advisors, employers or others, if you desire.

Your application will be evaluated by members of the Beth-El Congregation's Men of Reform Judaism's scholarship committee, who may select a few applicants for personal interviews. You will be notified if you are selected for an interview. The scholarship award winner will be notified in advance of the public announcement. The scholarship award will be presented at the annual Mickey Goldman Spaghetti Supper (typically in February). Please ensure that you will be available to receive the award in person. You may be asked to say a few words at the dinner on February 19, 2012.

*\*\*\* Be sure to include a copy of your high school transcript reflecting your GPA and class standing, as well as a copy of your SAT or ACT scores. Photocopies are acceptable. \*\*\**

**Applications must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2011.** All applications should be mailed to:

MRJ – Scholarship Committee  
Beth-El Congregation  
4900 Briarhaven Road  
Fort Worth, TX 76109

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact one of the committee chairpersons.

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Visit the MRJ's website: <http://www.bethelfw.org/community/mrj>

**\*\* Please type or print legibly! \*\***

## PERSONAL DATA / APPLICANT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Please attach a copy of your high school transcript and verification of your test scores. \*\***

## FAMILY DATA

Father ( legal guardian): \_\_\_\_\_ Mother ( legal guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Addr. ( same as above): \_\_\_\_\_ Addr. ( same as above): \_\_\_\_\_

Hm. Ph. ( same as above): \_\_\_\_\_ Hm. Ph. ( same as above): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings (Name, Age): \_\_\_\_\_

## JUDAIC EDUCATION

Please identify your religious school history [school(s) attended, years attended]: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify any projects that you completed for your religious school and how this project impacted you and others. \_\_\_\_\_

*Check all that apply.*

- I attended my consecration.  I was confirmed at \_\_\_\_\_  I had a bar/bat mitzvah.  
 My yearly attendance at Religious School (excluding educator excused absences):  perfect  ≤ 2 absences  > 2 absences  
 I attend **Shabbat** services at Beth-El:  < 10% of the year  10%-50% of the year  > 50% of the year  never  when required  
 I attend **High Holy Day** services at Beth-El:  always  if it doesn't conflict with school  rarely  both evening and morning  
 I participate in or lead the High Holy Day children's services:  always  sometimes  if it doesn't conflict with school

## BETH-EL INVOLVEMENT

Please identify organizations in which you participated. Include details of your level of participation such as years involved and the activities in which you took part. Describe how you (in a non-leadership position) contributed to the organization's success. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please identify any leadership positions that you held for Beth-El and its organizations. Include your achievements in those roles and your contributions that helped make the organization successful. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please identify any projects that you completed for the Congregation and/or URJ/HUC sponsored leadership retreats you attended. \_\_\_\_\_

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## JEWISH CAMPING

Please identify any Jewish summer camp experience you have. List camps attended as well as anything you may have done at the camp to help you stand out above the rest. \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please identify Jewish organizations in which you were involved outside of Beth-El Congregation. Include your roles and responsibilities in these organizations. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please identify non-Jewish organizations in which you were involved that in some way address the teachings of Reform Judaism (e.g. Mitzvot via Habitat for Humanity or Cowtown Brush-Up). \_\_\_\_\_

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## AWARDS

Please identify any awards or recognitions you have received for your involvement in Jewish organizations. \_\_\_\_\_

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### HIGH SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Tell us about your high school activities, classes, and awards. \_\_\_\_\_  
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### COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANS

To which colleges have you applied and/or been accepted for admission? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is your planned major course of study? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your career objective? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why you chose this major or career objective. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you have any relatives (by blood or through marriage) who are currently serving on the MRJ scholarship committee?

yes  no  don't know

If yes, please provide their name and relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give permission for this information to be released to the Men of Reform Judaism's Scholarship Committee and I understand that the information provided may be verified by the Committee. I further understand and agree that the information provided may be used for publicity purposes in the event I am selected to receive a scholarship from the MRJ.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Important!!***

***Please include all requested attachments and verifications. Incomplete, illegible, or late applications will not be considered.***

***Applications must be postmarked and mailed as noted on the cover sheet.***