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## SEPHARDIC HERITAGE ALLIANCE INC. (S.H.A.I.) APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP & LOAN

### MISSION STATEMENT

As a part of the Sephardic Heritage Alliance's mission to educate, enhance, and benefit the Iranian Jewish culture and community, SHAI has established an educational scholarship/loan program to provide financial aid for education to members of our community who cannot otherwise afford this expense. Financial aid may be given in the form of grants/loans to an individual student for tuition, or grants/loans to a religious school or institution.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Applying to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

To fill in this application, type the requested information in the space provided. Please indicate N/A where not applicable. After completing and signing the application form, you should attach the necessary documents and submit your application package to the SHAI Scholarship/Loan Committee.

### **APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Status:  U.S. Citizen  Green Card  Student Visa  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Emigrated to U.S.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you ever applied for the SHAI scholarship/loan before?  Yes  No  
 If you answered Yes above, please indicate: Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are either of your parents deceased?  Yes  No

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION AS TO THE SCHOOL FOR WHICH YOU ARE SEEKING THE SHAI SCHOLARSHIP/LOAN.

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type:  Yeshiva  Hebrew School  College  Graduate School  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person at school: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Semester applying for: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Tuition: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tuition Payment Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 List all sources, including outside sources, of grants, scholarships, and loans that you have been awarded or expect to receive:  
 Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant's income, including part-time employment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please state parental and self contribution toward tuition: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dollar amount of the SHAI Scholarship/Loan requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### APPLICANT'S ACADEMIC INFORMATION

List all Schools attended and now attending.

	School Name	Years of Attendance	Degree Obtained
Yeshiva:	_____	_____	
High School:	_____	_____	_____
College:	_____	_____	_____
Graduate School:	_____	_____	_____

Please list any honors or special achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

### APPLICANT'S PARENTAL INFORMATION

#### Father

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Synagogue Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed:  Self-employed

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Income (attach W-2): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mother

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Synagogue Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed:  Self-employed

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Income (attach W-2): \_\_\_\_\_

### HOUSEHOLD ASSETS

#### Automobile

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Home Ownership

Own  Lease

Monthly Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this application, you may be prosecuted, fined, and required to return the scholarship/loan amount with interest and penalties.**

## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **ESSAY**

Please write a brief autobiographical statement, describing the factors and events which you feel have shaped your present outlook, personality, and goals. Please also include a statement as to your long term educational and career goals. The purpose of this essay is to indicate how you evaluate your own strengths and weaknesses, and to provide insight into the person that you are. Furthermore, please provide some commentary on the basic information supplied in this application form, in addition to any other special facts, achievements, or personal circumstances you would like us to consider.

### **REFERENCES**

Please provide as reference the name of at least one person, outside your immediate family, who has known you for at least three years, and who may be personally contacted to give an evaluation of your character, abilities, and accomplishments. By providing this name, you agree that we may contact this person to obtain information about you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLEDGE TO VOLUNTEER**

Upon receiving the SHAI Scholarship/Loan, the applicant understands and agrees to volunteer no less than two (2) hours per month for the period covered by the Scholarship/Loan for community services as directed by SHAI and/or administrative work for SHAI.

## **CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

Please sign your initials to each box below

\_\_\_ I certify that I will use any funds I receive under the SHAI Scholarship/Loan only for tuition relating to my study at the designated school in this application.

\_\_\_ I understand that I must notify SHAI's Board of Trustees promptly and in writing of any changes in my or my immediate family's financial circumstances and that such changes include: receipt of outside scholarships/loan in any amount, changes in income or assets, and changes in my school or college enrollment status. I understand that such changes may necessitate an adjustment, even to the extent of partial or full return of the SHAI Scholarship/Loan given to me.

\_\_\_ I understand that it is my sole responsibility to submit a complete application packet. I agree that SHAI will assume no responsibility for and will not attempt to join materials submitted separately. I understand that an incomplete packet may result in the return of the same to me, thereby reducing the likelihood of approval. And finally, I agree that the application and all attachments become the property of SHAI and will not be returned to me.

\_\_\_ I acknowledge and agree that there is no guarantee that I will be selected to receive the SHAI Scholarship/Loan.

## APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST

Please submit the following documents with your completed application. Upon completion, please check applicable boxes. Your application may be rejected if the following items are not submitted.

- Completed and signed application.
- Copy of driver's license for applicant and/or both parents.
- Copy of filed tax returns for last two (2) years for applicant and parents, and respective W-2 forms.
- Copy of lease or mortgage statement of your principal residence.
- Copy of most recent pay stubs for employment for applicant and parents, if applicable.
- Initialed and signed Certification Statement.
- Essay
- One or more reference(s).

For college students:

- Copy of registration.
- Copy of previous semester transcript (if any).
- Copy of other grants/loans/scholarships.

### DISCLAIMER

1. SHAI is a non-profit group with a mailing address of P.O.Box 1025, Great Neck NY 11023. Meetings of SHAI's Board of Directors are held on a monthly basis. Members of SHAI's Board of Directors are elected by a majority vote of members of the community, and do not receive any financial compensation for their services to the organization.
2. The purpose of SHAI's Scholarship program is to provide financial aid to qualified individuals based upon the demonstrated financial need as determined by the SHAI Scholarship Committee. Each applicant seeking a scholarship must complete the attached application. The application is reviewed and evaluated by the SHAI Scholarship Committee, which will determine eligibility for the scholarship based upon the information provided in the application. The SHAI Scholarship Committee will accept applications for students requiring assistance to attend yeshivas, after school Hebrew School programs, and secular undergraduate education and graduate school/training. Household family members of the SHAI board of Trustees and employees of members of the SHAI Board of Trustees are not eligible for scholarships under any circumstances.
3. Scholarships are awarded based upon demonstrated financial need, and the personal circumstances of the applicant. However, in certain cases, at the discretion of the SHAI Scholarship Committee, copies of the applicant's report cards, academic records, transcripts, test scores, and other information may be requested, to assist the SHAI Scholarship Committee in choosing qualified candidates for the scholarships. The applicant's personal essay, which is a required part of the application, may also be considered by the SHAI Scholarship Committee in determining eligibility.
4. All financial information and other documentation submitted to the SHAI Scholarship Committee is completely confidential and may not be viewed by any other individual or entity whatsoever. In compliance with federal tax requirements, applications are kept on file for a seven year period.
5. SHAI shall not be liable for any claim that may arise against the applicant or the applicant's parents/guardian, by reason of financial aid contributions made by SHAI as set forth herein. As such, the applicant and his/her parents/guardian hereby irrevocably and absolutely agree to hold SHAI harmless from any loss or liability which may arise in connection with any claims against SHAI or the applicant, his or her family, by the applicant's educational institution, taxing authority, or any other entity. This liability shall include deficiency assessments, local, federal, and state taxes, penalties, and interest, which SHAI or the applicant may incur, or be subject to, by reason of any false, misleading, or incomplete statement made on the attached application.

**The foregoing application has been carefully read and completed by the undersigned who agrees to be bound by all of its terms and conditions. Furthermore, the undersigned certifies and duly swears that all the information reported herein is complete and accurate. The applicant's parents must sign.**

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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PARENT OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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NOTARY PUBLIC

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PARENT OF APPLICANT

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DATE