

**Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago
Merit Israel Experience Scholarship Recommendation**

APPLICANT: Complete the section immediately below and give this form to your recommender.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER:

Name: _____

Organization/institution: _____

Position/title: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The applicant named above has applied for a Jewish United Fund Merit Israel Experience Scholarship. A limited number of merit scholarships will be available for participants in an approved Israel experience program. The goals of the merit scholarship program are to increase Jewish identity and to develop greater commitment to Israel and the Chicago Jewish community.

We are looking for young people who have demonstrated leadership qualities through service and involvement at school, in extracurricular activities, to the Jewish community, by volunteer work, through employment, etc.

We would appreciate your assessment of this applicant, as well as their leadership abilities, motivation, and other qualities, which would (or would not) make them an appropriate recipient of a merit scholarship. **We urge that you answer as thoughtfully and completely as you can. Thank you for your time and assistance.**

Please answer the questions below by attaching typed pages.

1. What is your relationship with the applicant? How long have you been acquainted with them? Please explain in detail.
2. Please describe the qualities (i.e., maturity, dependability, commitment) that make this applicant a good candidate for a Jewish United Fund Merit Israel Experience Scholarship.
3. How has this applicant shown leadership initiative?

We ask that you submit this recommendation via email (isralexperience@juf.org) **by March 15th.**
Please understand that a late recommendation will disqualify this applicant.