

Congregation Keneseth Israel
Policies, Practices & Guidelines

<u>Policy, Practice or Guideline:</u>	Scholarship Awards
<u>Source:</u>	Women of KI (Formerly Sisterhood)
<u>Date Adopted:</u>	11/1977
<u>Date Revised:</u>	5/2019

- I. Introduction: The purpose of the Scholarship is to perpetuate Reform Jewish values and to provide financial assistance to those who wish to enrich and deepen their Jewish educational experience through the attendance at various extra-curricular programs, namely camping, retreats, youth group weekends, PAFTY Summer programs, and NFTY sponsored trips to Israel. The intent is not to be used as across the board gifts to all students who wish to attend summer camp.
- II. Policy Statement: The Women of KI will award scholarships to students in or graduates of the Religious School who meet defined criteria.
- III. History: In 2019 the Sisterhood was re-named the Women of KI to reflect a sense of inclusiveness.
- IV. Definition:
- a. Criteria for awarded scholarships include
 - i. Religious School Performance
 - ii. Leadership potential
 - iii. Motivation – present participation in Youth Group at KI
 - iv. Need
 - v. Essay (any student who applies for a scholarship in excess of \$100 should submit a statement to the Committee. The subject would be, “How this program could enhance my religious experience”)
 - vi. Each applicant must agree to speak publically about the benefits of their award.
 - b. Committee
 - i. The Committee comprised of a Women of KI, a KI Brotherhood Member and the temple administrator will use a rubric to evaluate applications.
 - ii. The Chairperson must contact the bookkeeper/Temple Administrator to determine the amount of funding available. Annual allocations may not exceed one-half of the amount in the account.

V. Procedure: All applicants must be members in good standing of Congregation Keneseth Israel. Each year the amount available shall be determined from the previous year's contributions and the balance remaining in the Fund. The percentage of these amounts to be used for each category will be determined by and dispensed by general agreement of the Committee.

There will be a Fund for students who demonstrate need for financial assistance beyond religious school. Teacher training programs which enable faculty to provide most up to date instruction possible (\$150). College Fund to send those students no longer in the Allentown area ritual and educational material to enable them to celebrate feast of Judaism and to know that KI still cares. A separate non-restrictive fund will be utilized to provide \$25 scholarship to Camp Harlem for approximately 16 students from grades 3 – 10 whose achievement has been noteworthy. This fund will provide one or two scholarships for a maximum of \$500 for a Confirmand to go to Israel.

Scholarships are confidential and financial information may not be shared outside the committee

VI. Reference: