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NIF / Shatil Social Justice Fellowship Application

This is a PDF sample of the online application for the SJ Fellowships.

COMPLETED applications, including transcripts and references, **MUST** be received by Wednesday, February 1, 2017. Applications, resumes and letters of recommendation will be accepted online (via this application) or by email only. Please email all materials to fellowships@nif.org.

Completed application must include:

- » Application Form
- » Transcript (Unofficial)
- » Resume
- » Essay
- » References

References: 2 reference letters should be submitted via this online application no later than Wednesday, February 1, 2017

PLEASE NOTE: Following the submission of your completed application, you will be contacted for a Hebrew screening that will take place over the phone or on Skype.

For more information, visit the main NIF/Shatil Social Justice Fellowships page at (copy & paste the following URL into your browser) - <http://www.nif.org/ways-to-help/apply-for-fellowships/nif-shatil-social-justice-fellowships/>

If you have any other questions, please email fellowships@nif.org.

Your Full Name * _____

Your Email Address * _____

Your Mobile Phone Number * _____

Your Home Phone Number _____

Your Date of Birth * _____

(Date format: mm/dd/yyyy)

Current Address * Please be sure to include: street address (both /all lines, city, state/province/region, zip, and country)

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Permanent Address (if different from above) *

Please be sure to include: street address (both /all lines, city, state/province/region, zip, and country)

Profession / Occupation

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency Contact Name *

Relationship of Emergency Contact *

Emergency Contact Mobile Phone *

Emergency Contact Home Phone *

Emergency Contact Work Phone *

Emergency Contact Email Address *

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Languages

Please note that ability to function and converse in Hebrew is a requirement of the Fellowship and will be evaluated as part of the interview process. ****Applicants with excellent Arabic language skills may work in an Arabic speaking environment but Hebrew skills are still required.**

Rate Your Hebrew Language Skills - Speaking *

Excellent Good Just Okay Poor

Rate Your Hebrew Language Skills - Writing *

Excellent Good Just Okay Poor

Rate Your Hebrew Language Skills - Reading *

Excellent Good Just Okay Poor

Other Languages *

Arabic Amharic Russian Other

If you chose "other" please specify. _____

Short Answer Questions

Please provide short answers (3-5 lines) for each of the following questions

#1) What areas of work in Israel interest you (ex, environment, women's rights, etc)? *

#2) Please list any special skills and talents that you feel would be an asset to the Fellowship (ex, writing, art, organizational development, music, technical skills, etc.) *

#3) Do you have prior experience living in Israel or another foreign country for an extended period of time? Please describe how those experiences will enhance your participation in this fellowship. *

#4) How did you hear about the Social Justice Fellowship? *

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#5) Briefly describe your past and current engagement in the Jewish world. How do you imagine bringing the fellowship experience to bear on your future involvement in the Jewish world? *

#6) What are your plans if you are not accepted to the Fellowship next year? *

Essays (required)

Please submit 2 essays:

- Essay #1 and Essay #2
- Essay #2 has two options you may choose from: only choose one of them

Essay #1*

In a 750-1000 word cohesive essay please tell us why you want this fellowship, what in your life story has led you to doing this kind of work and why you would be a good candidate to receive this fellowship. Please also address what you would like to gain from and contribute to this experience, and what is/are the main challenge/s facing Israeli society on which you hope to work. (Note: We do not expect you to answer each question in individual paragraphs but rather to tell us your story while touching on these issues)

Remember -- essay #2 has two options -- only choose one of them.

Essay #2 - Option a

In 250-500 words essay please describe an instance in which you have taken initiative and overcome either personal or professional challenges that arose.

Essay #2 - Option b

You are 80 years old and a family member is producing a documentary about your life. Please 'stage' 4 scenes including past, present, and future (250-500 words).

Your Resume - File Upload *

Acceptable file types: pdf, doc, docx.

Please upload your resume (with relevant education, employment history, volunteer work, community service and/or social activism) here. Please be sure the file name has no spaces or periods (only dashes or underscores) and includes your name and the word resume.

Transcript (Unofficial) - File Upload *

Please upload or scan in your unofficial transcript as a PDF, JPG, GIF or PNG file.

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Important Information About the Fellowship

The goals of the NIF/SHATIL Social Justice Fellowship are three fold: to provide much needed assistance to Israeli NGO's; to provide a meaningful Fellowship experience for highly qualified Fellows; and to grow the NIF family in the US. NIF/SHATIL's goal in placing fellows in Israeli NGO's is to help strengthen social change organizations in Israel. As such, the organizations rely on Fellows for tasks that are important to the organizations involved. We expect that all Fellows treat their responsibilities with the utmost seriousness and fulfill their responsibilities in the time and manner agreed upon.

Prior to departure to Israel, we ask Fellows to fundraise for NIF, setting their personal goal at a minimum of \$1,000. We ask Fellows to fundraise because we believe that social change doesn't happen without fundraising, and thus building one's fundraising capacity—letting people know about your work and knowing how to get them excited about it—is invaluable for people who want to create change. Engaging in pre-trip fundraising also offers a chance to for you to raise awareness about NIF and our issues among friends and family. The money raised allows us to sustain this important fellowship. We did not intend for you to go this alone: NIF will provide training and support for each fellow in developing a fundraising page and reaching out to one's network.

During the fellowship year, Fellows are also expected to participate in Fellowship activities and remain in good standing for the full 10 months of the program. Additionally, when Fellows return from Israel, NIF will request that you make presentations on behalf of NIF and SHATIL in the US.

Upon acceptance of the fellowship, Fellows will sign a 2-way memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Fellow and NIF. Upon commencement of the fellowship year and work at one's placement, NIF and the supervisor at each Fellow's respective place of internship will sign a second MOU. The MOU's will detail each party's responsibilities and expectations.

Please type your name below to acknowledge that you have read the above, and agree to the provisions. If accepted to the SJF, you agree to carry out your responsibilities with the utmost seriousness.

Your Full Name * _____

Today's Date * _____
(Date format: mm/dd/yyyy)

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Please provide (in the fields below) the names and email addresses of the people who will be sending references on your behalf. We also ask you to give us one additional person we may contact in "Reference Section 3."

Reference #1 - Name * _____

Reference #1 - Email Address * _____

Reference #2 - Name * _____

Reference #2 - Email Address * _____

Reference #3 - Name * _____

Reference #3 - Email Address * _____

Reference #3 - Phone Number * _____