

# **Application for Environmental Peacebuilding Fund Scholarship**

This scholarship was established to help a young New Mexican (age 18-25) attend the annual J Street Conference in Washington, DC, from February 25-28, 2017, as a member of WRAP (Water Resources Action Project, Inc). **Environmental peacebuilding** promotes peace in areas of conflict by finding a common ground to solve environmental issues that affect all people in the region. Established in 2009, WRAP is a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization that promotes water conservation and environmental education in Jewish and Arab schools in Israel, Palestine and Jordan in order to build meaningful relationships between students in these different communities (www.wrapdc.org).

The *Environmental Peacebuilding Fund* of the Jewish Community Foundation of New Mexico supports a scholarship of up to \$500 to help reimburse travel and accommodations costs for the recipient who will be attending the J Street annual conference. In addition, WRAP will reimburse the scholarship recipient's conference registration fee. The recipient will help at the WRAP exhibit and information table during part of the conference and will be free to attend most of the conference sessions.

**Eligibility**. The scholarship is open to all young people between the ages of 18-25 who (1) have demonstrated involvement in or are interested in learning about environmental peacebuilding, (2) are involved in or are interested in learning about J Street and the Water Resources Action Project, and (3) currently reside or attended high school or college in New Mexico. There are no restrictions on eligibility based on race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability status.

Please complete all sections of the application.

#### **Personal Data**

Name:	Date of Birth:
Address:	If not living in New Mexico currently, did you attend high school or college there?
E-mail address:	Telephone Number:

#### Academic/Professional Data

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Name of School or Current Employer:	Graduation Date or Dates with Current Employer:
Plans for post-graduation, if applicable:	Extracurricular or volunteer activities:

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Personal Reference. Please supply a letter of reference from a personal acquaintance.

Name of person giving the reference:

Person's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Person's e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay.** On a separate page, please describe your interest in environmental education in the Middle East and in promoting the "2-State Solution" to resolve the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. Please specify any recognitions and achievements in the above-mentioned areas. Although past experience in environmental peacebuilding is not required, please describe any related past experiences that could contribute to future work that supports environmental peacebuilding. Include a description about whether/how you would be able to attend the J Street conference if you do not receive this scholarship

## Timeline

Applications <u>must be received by **January 30**, **2017**</u> and the scholarship will be awarded one week later.

#### Requirements

If you receive an award, you will be expected to attend the entire J Street Conference from February 25 to 27 and participate in the National Advocacy Day on February 28, 2017. More information about the Conference and Advocacy Day can be found on the conference website (http://jstreet.org/conference/). While at the conference, you will assist at the WRAP exhibit and information table for approximately 4 hours. In addition, you will participate in a pre-conference briefing either in person or by teleconference. Finally, you will give a public presentation about WRAP, J Street and Environmental Peacebuilding during 2017 at a venue chosen jointly with WRAP staff.

## Mail your application to:

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