

# CENTRAL SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN REFERRAL SERVICE

## WHAT IS CSLRS?

The Central Scholarship and Loan Referral Service (CSLRS) of the **Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh** coordinates the efforts of a group of organizations, agencies and scholarship endowment funds that provide scholarships to local Jewish students enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education.

CSLRS is a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh and is administered by Jewish Family & Children's Service.

## WHO QUALIFIES?

Any Jewish high school senior, college or graduate student with financial need is eligible to apply. All applicants must be bona fide residents of Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Washington, or Westmoreland counties for at least two years. Individuals are known by number, not name, to ensure confidentiality. When a student applies for aid, the CSLRS committee matches the student with the funding source or sources for which they qualify. All funding sources require students to demonstrate financial need. Depending on the scholarship fund, factors such as academic achievement, field of study, school attending, and Jewish and general community involvement will also be considered.

All information provided to CSLRS is treated confidentially and is used only to process applications, distribute grants, and to collect on previous loans.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

The CSLRS online application for 2017 – 2018 is available at <http://www.centralscholarship.org>. The completed application must be submitted on or before **February 9, 2017**. You must **also** submit a school transcript, including a cumulative QPA by February 27, 2017. The most recent 1040 tax return form from students and/or parents and the Student Aid Report must be submitted by April 13th.

First-time applicants must be interviewed.

**Application deadline is February 9, 2017. Regrettably, applications submitted after that date will not be considered.**