



Jewish Communal Leadership Program Application

Submit Completed Application to: ssw.specialprograms@umich.edu

Admission to the Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) is open to all and does not require prior study or background in Jewish Studies or Jewish communal work. If you have not studied or worked previously in this field, please use the essay prompts to convey what draws you to engagement in Jewish community through JCLP.

Please ensure that at least one of your three recommendations for your MSW application is from an academic reference and that at least one comes from someone familiar with either your professional or volunteer work.

Part A

Name: _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

City State / Country Zip

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Part B) Background Information

1. Judaic Studies background:

List university-level Judaic Studies courses and other relevant study.

2. Language background:

List university-level and other significant study in Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, Judeo-Arabic or other relevant languages.

3. Work/Volunteer experience:

List organizations with which you have worked or volunteered which you consider relevant to your interest in the Jewish Communal Leadership Program. Indicate the names of the organizations, the kind of work you did, and the date range of your involvement.

Part C) Essays

Two short essays that address the following topics must accompany your Jewish Communal Leadership Program application. Each essay should total three to five (3-5) pages in length and be double-spaced (12-point font).

1. Personal Experience

Please describe the work, volunteer, and/or educational experiences which have been most formative for you and how they led to your interest in the Jewish Communal Leadership Program.

2. Communal Challenges

Identify an issue which you see as a central challenge for contemporary Jewish communities (it may be local, national, or international). What is your assessment of the way that Jewish communities and Jewish communal leaders are currently approaching this problem? Are there other approaches that you would suggest? What particular perspectives, insights, questions, skills, or experiences would you bring to addressing this challenge?

Part D) Financial Aid Unusual Circumstances/Comments

If you have unusual circumstances/comments regarding your financial situation, you may share information below.

I certify that all information submitted on this form is complete and correct. I understand that misrepresentation of any portion of this application, including supporting documents, may be cause for canceling my admission or financial aid award. I also understand that all documents that I submit become the property of the University of Michigan.

I give permission to the special program(s) to which I applied to access my School of Social Work application and to share materials from my application for review purposes.

Signature (check box to sign)

Date: _____

In order to meet the special program application deadline, your MSW application must be complete, with all required supporting documents received, by the special program application deadline.