

THE BRONFMAN FELLOWSHIP

_____ *Full Name*

Junior Year classes

List up-to 5 classes you're enrolled in this semester

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

List current non-academic activities

These can include activities in school and outside of school, including interests, hobbies and intellectual pursuits you dedicate significant time to. Please include any part-time job you may have had in the past year or two. List up to five.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Elaborate on current non-academic activities

Elaborate on one of the non-academic activities you listed above and why it is important to you. (Please limit to 100 words total).

List three works that have made an impact on you.

List three works that have made an impact on you. At least one should be a book. For each piece chosen, please describe how/why it has impacted you. At least one should be a great work that has left an intellectual impression on you. Please do not list children's or young adult literature (We love YA and children's books/movies as much as anyone else - #potterheads4life - but please tell us about other works you've enjoyed!). In the past, applicants have chosen books, films, music, podcasts, poems, visual art, special sites, and more. (Please limit to 250 words total)

What is one "big idea" or question (e.g. philosophical question/socio-political issue/scientific concept) that you would like to explore more deeply. Why does it interest to you? (Please limit to 100 words total)

Video Question: Please share a link to a video (under 1 minute) of yourself telling us about something you do that energizes you. A meaningful background/setting not required but totally welcome. Please do not use professional equipment, or special effects. Keep editing to a minimum and do not read from a script. If you choose to show a talent, please talk about it as well. You can use a

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smartphone, laptop or tablet to record. Before posting the link to the video, please make sure we can hear and see you.

In one sentence, please summarize the topic of your video. _____

PERSONAL ESSAYS**In 200 words or less, describe your relationship to being Jewish**

Please keep in mind that The Bronfman Fellowship is looking for a diverse group of Fellows, including both those who are and are not active in or affiliated with the Jewish community. Note we are most interested in your perspectives and views.

In 200 words or less, please tell us a story about yourself that gives us insight into how you think and who you are, which might otherwise not be apparent in your application.

Sample Application -- Do Not Complete

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Background Information*

The following set of questions provides data that informs our understanding of the diversity of our applicants. There are no better or worse responses to the answers below - we just want to get to know you better.

Since high school, have you participated in any Jewish enrichment programs or similar? Note that previous participation is not a prerequisite for The Bronfman Fellowship.

Yes ___ No ___ Please indicate the name(s) _____

Are you a member of any Jewish youth movement? Name(s) _____

Have you ever attended a Jewish summer camp? Name(s) _____

If yes, for how many years did you attend camp? _____

What year was your last summer at camp? _____

Have you ever attended a Jewish Day School? (not counting anything before kindergarten) _____

If so, what grades? _____

Are you part of an interfaith family? Yes ___ No ___

Did one of your parents convert to Judaism? Yes ___ No ___

Have you had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah? Yes ___ No ___

Have you been to Israel before? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, how many times? _____

For what purpose, when, and for how long? _____

Do you have any relatives who were Bronfman Fellows? If yes, please share their name(s) here

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Which of the following best describes your affiliation?

___ Just Jewish

___ Reconstructionist

___ Chabad

___ Conservative

___ Traditional Egalitarian

___ Reform

___ Secularly/Culturally Jewish

___ Reform

___ Liberal Orthodox

___ Modern Orthodox

___ Ultra-Orthodox

___ Elaborate, if necessary:

If you or your parents were born in another country, please list the country/countries and the person/people born there.

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NOTE: There are many wonderful Jewish programs that work with teens and college students. Programs (mostly pay-as-you-go programs) contact us each year to connect with people who have applied for The Bronfman Fellowship and who might be interested in them. Some of these programs also offer discounts for applicants to The Bronfman Fellowship. The Bronfman Fellowship does not receive any compensation from these programs. Please indicate below if you give us permission to share your contact information with these Jewish summer programs and opportunities.

I am interested in hearing about other Jewish programs.

Reminder:

Two letters of recommendation and your high school transcript* (through grade 10 only) are to be submitted. One recommender must be a teacher. The other can be any non-relative who knows you well (including another school professional, Rabbi, employer, etc.) **Deadline for receipt of application and request for letters of recommendation and transcripts: December 5, 2022. Deadline for receipt of letters of recommendation and transcript: December 7, 2022.**

Finalists will be notified in **mid-January 2023**. Interviews for Finalists will take place **late January through February 2023**. Fellows will be notified of acceptance **in early March 2023**.

If you have any questions, please contact The Bronfman Fellowship's administrative office at 518-660-3090.

**We request academic transcripts to learn about an applicant's academic pursuits and course load. However, we do not believe that grades and GPA reflect a candidate's sophistication of thought, character, or the ability to contribute to and benefit from the Fellowship. Far more important (and interesting) are the personal essays and letters of recommendation, which offer a platform for applicants to tell their stories, express their unique interests, and describe their relationship to community. We further understand that due to educational disruptions caused by COVID-19 that grades for the last academic year may have been adversely affected. This will not affect your candidacy for the Fellowship.*