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**Current or recent non-academic activities**

Please list up to five current or recent 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.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**List three works that have made an impact on you.**

List three works that have made an impact on you. For each piece chosen, please describe how or why it has impacted you. At least one should be a work that has left an intellectual impression on you and at least one should be a book (fine of these overlap). Please do not list children's or young adult literature. In the past, applicants have chosen books, films, music, podcasts, poems, visual art, special sites, and more. (Please limit to 250 words total.)

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**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 you? (Please limit to 100 words total.)**

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**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 is 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 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 fewer, 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 that we are most interested in your perspectives and views.

**In 300 words or fewer, 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

**Background Information\***

The following set of questions provide 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.*

Are you a member of any Jewish youth movement? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
If yes, name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended a Jewish summer camp? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
If yes, 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) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
If so, what grades? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Are you part of an interfaith family? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Did you or 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? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you do last summer? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the name(s) of any Jewish enrichment programs or similar programs you have attended. Previous participation is *not* a prerequisite for The Bronfman Fellowship. Remember that we are looking for a diverse group of Fellows, including both those who are and are not active in or affiliated with the Jewish community. We are most interested in your perspectives and views.

**Which of the following best describes your affiliation?**

Just Jewish	Reform	Modern Orthodox
Chabad	Reconstructionist	Ultra Orthodox
Conservative	Secularly/Culturally Jewish	Elaborate, if desired
Traditional/Halachic Egalitarian	Liberal Orthodox	

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

Note: There are many other wonderful Jewish programs that work with teens and college students. Programs contact us each year to connect with people who have applied for The Bronfman Fellowship and who might be interested in them, and 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 programs and opportunities.

I am interested in hearing about other Jewish programs.

Please list the First Name, Last Name, and Email addresses of your two recommenders. We have found the best recommendations are written by people who personally know the applicant well. It is not necessary for the recommender to address your Jewish story.

Recommender 1- \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Recommender 2- \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer	<input type="checkbox"/>
A leader of an organization In which the applicant is active	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anyone who knows applicant well <b>(except a member of your family)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidance counselor	<input type="checkbox"/>
School principal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Reminder

Two recommendations and your high school transcript\* (through grade 10 only) are to be submitted. One recommender must be a teacher at your school. The other can be any non-relative who knows you well (including another school professional, Rabbi, employer, etc.).

The deadline for submitting your application: December 4, 2023.

Final deadline for receipt of recommendations and transcript: December 6, 2023.

It is important to request your recommendations and transcript far in advance of the deadline.

*\*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.*

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

If you have any questions, please contact The Bronfman Fellowship office at [help@bronfman.org](mailto:help@bronfman.org).