

THE AARON AND RITA SLOM SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR FREEDOM AND DIVERSITY

The Aaron and Rita Slom Scholarship Fund for Freedom and Diversity will provide up to two college scholarships for high school seniors. Students will submit an interpretive work focusing on the George Washington Letter to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, RI, in context with the present time.

The presentation of the award will take place at Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, during the annual reading of the Washington Letter on Sunday, August 20, 2017. Scholarship award recipients are encouraged to attend.

Guidelines:

1. The scholarships are for **high school seniors** who plan to enroll in an institute of higher learning for a **minimum** of 6 credits. The institution can be public or private and has no geographic limitations.
2. Entries should consist of an interpretive work focusing on the George Washington Letter in context with the present time. Written submissions such as essays, stories, poems (no less than 500 words and no more than 1000 words), or audio-visual submissions such as documentaries, films or computer presentations (no more than 10 minutes) will be considered.
3. Entries will be judged on both style and content. Judges will look for a presentation of ideas that is clear, articulate, and logically organized.
4. Entries must be the sole work of the entrant. This is a one-time scholarship, and is non-renewable.
5. Scholarship awards will be provided directly to the award recipients upon evidence of enrollment.
6. No entrant can be a relative of a Slom Scholarship Committee member.
7. Only complete applications will be considered.
8. The Touro Synagogue Foundation must receive application materials and submitted works no later than April 24, 2017. Return completed applications and submitted work to:

Touro Synagogue Foundation
Attention: Slom Scholarship
85 Touro Street
Newport, RI 02840
9. Demonstration of financial need is not a factor in selecting this award. Applicants are free to apply for other financial aid. Receiving aid from other sources does not influence the award process. Awards will be made without regard to the applicant's race, color, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, religious belief, gender, marital status or physical disability.
10. All entries become the property of the Touro Synagogue Foundation and may be used wholly or in part as promotional material, in public relations material, or in any other manner and will not be returned.
11. Questions regarding the scholarship program can be directed online to ritaslom@aol.com or by contacting the Touro Synagogue Foundation at (401) 847-4794 x 207.