

**APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED:  
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 \$500.00 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 August 19, 2012. 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 are for \$500.00 and 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. Application materials, guidelines and resources are available on-line at [www.tourosynagogue.org](http://www.tourosynagogue.org) under Touro Synagogue Foundation/programs/awards. Only complete applications will be considered. Questions regarding the scholarship program can be directed online to [ritaslom@aol.com](mailto:ritaslom@aol.com) or by contacting the Touro Synagogue Foundation at (401) 847-4794 x 205.
8. The Touro Synagogue Foundation must receive application materials and submitted works no later than April 16, 2012. Awards will be determined by May 3, 2012. 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.



"TO THE HEBREW CONGREGATION IN NEWFORT  
RHODE ISLAND.

*Gentlemen.*

*While I receive, with much satisfaction, your address replete with expressions of affection and esteem, I rejoice in the opportunity of assuring you, that I shall always retain a grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome I experienced in my visit to Newport, from all classes of Citizens.*

*The reflection on the days of difficulty and danger which are past is rendered the more sweet, from a consciousness that they are succeeded by days of uncommon prosperity and security. If we have wisdom to make the best use of the advantages with which we are now favored, we cannot fail, under the just administration of a good government, to become a great and a happy people.*

*The Citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy: a policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people, that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.*

*It would be inconsistent with the frankness of my character not to avow that I am pleased with your favorable opinion of my administration, and fervent wishes for my felicity. May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig-tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way everlastingly happy.*

G. WASHINGTON"