



# ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY of AMERICA

## Financial Aid Directory

For Undergraduate and Graduate Students  
of Armenian Descent

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## ***Introduction***

The *Financial Aid Directory for Undergraduate and Graduate Students of Armenian Descent* is designed to provide students with information regarding financial assistance to pursue their education.

This updated Tenth Edition of the directory lists organizations throughout the United States, along with a limited number of groups in Canada and abroad, which grant various scholarships. There are likely to be more organizations and local community associations that award scholarships not listed in this directory.

The Armenian Assembly only compiles the information found in this directory and makes it available to the public. The Assembly does not provide the application forms for these scholarships nor does the Assembly provide the scholarships themselves.

It has always been one of the Armenian Assembly's commitments to promote education and encourage the younger generation in their studies. *The Financial Aid Directory* first produced in 1982 continues to provide interested persons a source of information about obtaining a scholarship as a student of Armenian descent.

Students should not overlook many other sources of available funding. All universities and colleges have financial aid offices to service matriculating students. Additional information on funding sources in a state or community may be located through high school guidance offices, local civic associations, and public libraries. Information about government grants and loans is available from the offices of congressional representatives and state legislators.

Other opportunities offered to college students by the Armenian Assembly of America are the flagship, annual Summer Internship Programs in Washington, DC and Yerevan, Armenia. Please visit the Student section of the Assembly's [webpage](#) for more detail.

The Armenian Assembly wishes you much success in your future endeavors.

Armenian Assembly of America

## ***Armenian Assembly History***

In 1971, John Hanessian, Jr., and Haikaz Grigorian considered forming a new Armenian organization based in the nation's capital to represent and promote Armenian interests. They shared their idea with Robert A. Kaloosdian and Haig Der Manuelian, and soon enlisted Richard Hovannisian and Lionel Galstaun, all of whom endorsed the concept enthusiastically. Two benefactors also came forward: Stephen P. Mugar and Hirair Hovnanian. The assembly concept appealed to their own sense of the need for intra-community cooperation and for Armenian participation in the democratic processes of the United States.

The first gathering of Armenian American leaders in 1972 at Airlie House in Warrenton, Virginia endorsed the Armenian Assembly, and gave it specific objectives and a community mandate. Shortly after, the national office in Washington was opened. The Assembly would go on to initiate a broad array of groundbreaking programs and firmly establish itself as an Armenian voice within U.S. public policy circles. It would pioneer initiatives to commemorate and reaffirm the Armenian Genocide. And as early as 1977, the Assembly would introduce a Summer internship program in Washington.

In the late 1980s, the Assembly rose to the unprecedented challenges of Armenia's earthquake, Artsakh's struggle for self-determination, and Armenia's independence movement. With Assembly leadership, Congress mandated the first-ever earthquake relief funding – first to Soviet Armenia, then to the Republics of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh. For several years, Armenia was the second highest recipient of U.S. aid on a per capita basis, which provided critical material and political support. The Assembly opened the first permanent Western office in Yerevan just after the earthquake. Under Hirair Hovnanian's guidance, the Assembly built housing component factories in the earthquake zone, which are still in operation today. In 1994, Carolyn Mugar founded the Armenia Tree Project (ATP) as an Assembly initiative. Since then, over 1,400 communities throughout Armenia's and Artsakh's 11 regions have been revitalized by ATP's plantings, and in 2022 ATP planted its 7 millionth tree. In 1997, the Assembly founded the Armenian National Institute (ANI) to lead efforts to affirm the Armenian Genocide and respond to denial. ANI has become a leading scholarly, journalistic, and educational reference. In 1999, the Assembly was granted United Nations NGO status.

Assembly advocacy for Artsakh and Armenia led to executive actions and congressional legislation that unequivocally supported Artsakh's right to self-determination and Armenia's statehood. Simultaneous efforts with Congress to confront Azerbaijan's and Turkey's blockades resulted in landmark legislation that remains the law of the land – Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act, as well as the Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act. On the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in 2021, U.S. President Joe Biden officially affirmed the 1915-1923 Genocide, the first President to do so explicitly since President Reagan in 1981, after which denial efforts expanded. The most notorious of efforts to deny the Armenian Genocide was the filibuster that blocked Senator Bob Dole's 1989-1990 efforts with the Assembly for Senate passage of the resolution. President Biden's recognition on April 24, 2022 continued to show America at its best. The Executive Branch recognition resulted in all three branches of the U.S. government affirming the Armenian Genocide. The Washington, DC Federal Court of Appeals did so in the 1993 Krikorian v. State Department case. In October 2019, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted an Armenian Genocide resolution by an overwhelming 405-11 vote, followed by the U.S. Senate's passage with unanimous consent in December 2019. All 50 States and the District of Columbia have done the same, and the Assembly's role in teaching the lessons that our community has learned about the importance of human rights is ever expanding.

## **Armenian-American Citizens' League Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be permanent residents of the United States who have been living in California for at least two years. Must be enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university and have completed one semester/quarter of college. A minimum GPA of 3.0 (B average) is also required. Students must be of Armenian descent.

Selection Criteria: Awards are granted based on GPA, financial need, and community service/employment record.

Application Procedure: A summary statement of your educational and professional goals (500 words or less.), completed Scholarship Application Form, 2 ORIGINAL letters of reference, a list of all your professional, academic, community, and church activities for the past 5 years, and a transcript.

Application Deadline: March 1st. Application is open starting October 1st.

Contact: Armenian-American Citizens League, Educational and Scholarship Fund Inc., Scholarship Awards Chair, Post Office Box 1880, Pacifica, CA 94044

Website: <http://www.aaclca.org/>

## **Hai Guin Scholarship Association**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Students of Armenian descent who are Massachusetts residents, and attend a college in the continental United States are eligible. Applicants must also have completed one full year of his/her freshman year.

Selection Criteria: Awards based on merit, academics, and professor recommendations.

Funds Available: \$2,000

Application Procedure: Applications are available upon request by writing to: Hai Guin Scholarship Association, 23 Bradley Road, Arlington, MA 02474, Attn: Scholarship Chairman.

Application Deadline: October 25.

Contact: Hai Guin Scholarship Association of Boston, P.O. Box 509, Belmont, MA 02478-0004

## **Hazaros Tabakoglu; Hagop, Arousiag and Arpy Kashmanian Scholarships**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be full-time undergraduates of Armenian descent who are or will be enrolled at colleges in the United States. Applicants need not be United States Citizens, but they must reside in New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.4 or higher to be eligible for this award.

Selection Criteria: Awards based on academic excellence, financial need, involvement in Armenian life, and the limited amount of grant money available each year.

Funds Available: Tuition awards from \$1,000 to \$6,000 are renewable for up to four years.

Application Deadline: May 3rd.

Contact: Shaneshia Rivers, [sr@nyct-cfi.org](mailto:sr@nyct-cfi.org), The New York Community Trust, ATTN: Armenian Scholarship Administrator, 909 Third Avenue, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10022

Website: <https://www.nycommunitytrust.org/>, <https://www.nycommunitytrust.org/about/armenian/>

## **Richard R. Tufenkian Memorial Scholarships**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: To qualify for this scholarship, students must be of Armenian descent, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, show financial need, and be actively involved in the Armenian community.

Funds Available: Three \$3,000 scholarships

Application Procedure: Apply directly on the website.

Application Deadline: June 30th.

Contact: [aef@aefweb.org](mailto:aef@aefweb.org), Armenian Educational Foundation, 600 W. Broadway, Ste. 130, Glendale, CA 91204.

Website: <http://aefweb.org/>, <http://aefweb.org/richard-r-tufenkian-scholarship/>

## **Jorjorian Memorial Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Students of Armenian descent who consider studying at Haigazian University in Beirut or at any university in Armenia. To qualify for this scholarship, students must be of Armenian descent, have a minimum 75% GPA, show financial need, and be actively involved in the Armenian community.

Funds Available: \$2000 annually.

Application Deadline: Write for details.

Contact: [aef@aefweb.org](mailto:aef@aefweb.org), Armenian Educational Foundation, 600 W. Broadway, Ste. 130, Glendale, CA 91204.

Website: <http://aefweb.org/>, <http://aefweb.org/scholarships/>

## **William Ervant Docter (WED) Fund Scholarship**

Application qualifications: Those applying to the WED Educational Fund should meet the following requirements: 1. Must be a citizen of the United States. Green cards are not acceptable. 2. Must be of Armenian ancestry. Those with two parents of Armenian ancestry will be considered first. 3. Must show need for financial assistance. 4. Must demonstrate excellence in his / her chosen field, whether pursuing academic studies, a trade or special training. 5. Must pursue studies or training in the United States or Canada.

Funds Available: Up to \$5000. The scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis for an entire academic year.

Duration: The scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis for an entire academic year.

Application Procedure: A completed application form, including a statement of purpose not to exceed one type-written page, describing your program of study or training, and your career objectives, one copy of your official school/institution transcript mailed by your institution's Registrar's Office, two recent letters of recommendation (one letter should be from a professor or teacher who knows your academic work; another may be from an employer or mentor who can attest to your personal and professional maturity), evidence of financial need, and proof of citizenship.

Application Deadline: May 31st.

Contact: [stmarychurchdc@gmail.com](mailto:stmarychurchdc@gmail.com), WED Educational Fund, c/o St. Mary Armenian Church, 4125 Fessenden Street, NW Washington, DC 20016

Website: <https://www.stmaryaac.org/wed-fund-scholarship>

## **Armenian Relief Society Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be full-time Armenian students at an accredited 4-year college or university, in their country of residence or elsewhere with a minimum GPA of 3.0 based on American Grading Standards. Application is open to Armenian students who are not related to ARS Central Executive or ARS Scholarship Committee members and who meet the necessary requirements.

Selection Criteria: Granted based on academic performance, financial need and involvement in the Armenian community, upon successful completion of 1st year of college, or a graduate student accepted to an accredited college or university.

Application Procedure: Need a completed application form, two (2) letters of recommendation, proof of enrollment at college or university, most current transcript of grades, a copy of tuition bill, and photograph (2x2 or passport size).

Application Deadline: April 1st.

Additional Notes: Application must be submitted through local ARS Chapter. All supporting documents should be officially translated either in Armenian or English. The items listed must be attached to the application. Every student can receive the ARS Scholarship up to three times, by applying separately for each academic year.

Contact: [arseastus@gmail.com](mailto:arseastus@gmail.com), 80 Bigelow Avenue, Suite 200, Watertown, MA 02472

Website: <https://ars1910.org/>, <https://ars1910.org/youth/>

## **Armenian Students Association of America, Inc. Grant**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Must be of Armenian descent. Must be enrolled as a full-time student and have completed one full year of academics at a four-year accredited U.S. college by June of that year OR must be enrolled in a two-year college and are transferring to a four-year college or university as a full-time student in the Fall of that year. Must be a U.S. citizen OR must possess appropriate Visa status in order to study in the U.S.

Selection Criteria: Grants are awarded on the basis of financial need, high academic achievement, character, and extracurricular activities.

Funds Available: \$500-\$1,500. Students may reapply each year.

Application Procedure: Completed application, essay, transcripts, 3 reference letters, and tuition costs.

Application Deadline: March 15th (a \$15 application fee must also be submitted).

Contact: [headasa@asainc.org](mailto:headasa@asainc.org), ASA Scholarship Committee, 333 Atlantic Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888

Website: <http://www.asainc.org/index.php>, <http://www.asainc.org/national/scholarships.shtml>

## **Union of Marash Fund**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Open to any Armenian or any descendant of an Armenian.

Application Procedure: Apply on website.

Application Deadline: July 15th.

Contact: [Info@UMASStudentFund.org](mailto:Info@UMASStudentFund.org), Union of Marash Armenian Student Fund, 252-39 Leeds Road, Little Neck, NY 11362

Website: <http://www.umastudentfund.org/>, <http://www.umastudentfund.org/apply>

## **Armenian Missionary Association of America Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: General Studies.

Application qualifications: Available to full-time undergraduate students of Armenian descent studying in North America.

Selection Criteria: Awards are made by the Scholarship Committee, which takes into consideration the applicant's grades, financial need, the tuition cost of the college he/she will attend/attends, accomplishments, future leadership potential and good character references. Please note, AMAA Scholarship checks are issued directly to academic institutions and not to individuals.

Application Procedure: Students interested in applying for scholarships should personally request the link for the application form by calling 201-265-2607 ext. 127 or by email, [lucyr@amaa.org](mailto:lucyr@amaa.org). Previous recipients must reapply each year. It is the responsibility of the student to request an application form.

Application Deadline: May 1st.

Contact: Armenian Missionary Association of America 31 W Century Rd, Paramus, NJ 07652, email [lucyr@amaa.org](mailto:lucyr@amaa.org), Tel: 201-265-2607 ext. 127

Website: <https://amaa.org/scholarship-applications-2022/>

## **Armenian International Women's Association Scholarships**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be full-time female students of Armenian descent attending an accredited college or university at the junior or senior status or graduate student level. For California residents only: sophomore level or above are invited to apply and must be enrolled in a U.S. accredited college or university. There is a 3.2 minimum GPA requirement.

Application Procedure: A completed application, official copy of university/college transcripts, two (2) letters of recommendation, and a high-resolution photograph of the applicant.

Selection Criteria: Selection is based on financial need and merit.

Funds Available: Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 are awarded in the names of: Olga Proudian, Ethel Jaffarian Duffett, Agnes Missirian, Lucy Kasparian Aharonian, Hripsime Parsekian, Dr. Carolann S. Najarian, Rose A. Hovannesian & Others.

Application Deadline: April 19th.

Contact: [scholarships@aiwainternational.org](mailto:scholarships@aiwainternational.org), Scholarship Committee, Armenian International Women's Association, 65 Main St., #3A, Watertown, MA 02472

Website: <https://aiwainternational.org/>, <https://aiwainternational.org/scholarships/>

## **John M. Azarian Memorial Armenian Youth Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be legal residents of the United States who are enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university.

Application Procedure: A completed application form emailed to [info@azariangroup.com](mailto:info@azariangroup.com)

Application Deadline: May 31st.

Remarks: Deadline may be extended. Write for additional details.

Contact: [Jcifuentes@azariangroup.com](mailto:Jcifuentes@azariangroup.com), The Azarian Group, L.L.C., The Azarian Building, 6 Prospect Street, Suite 2A, Midland Park, New Jersey 07432

Website: <https://www.azariangroup.com/>, <https://www.azariangroup.com/scholarship-program/how-to-apply/>

## **Margarian Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Open to high school juniors or seniors, college/university students, graduate school students.

Selection Criteria: Based on GPA, financial need, and demonstration of a commitment to their heritage, community, and society through persistence, dedication, success, and humility.

Funds Available: The scholarship prizes will consist of five (5) awards of \$1,000 each.

Application Procedure: Application requires resume, personal statement, transcript, and letter of recommendation. Application form can be downloaded from the website.

Application Deadline: August 1st.

Contact: [scholarship@margarianlaw.com](mailto:scholarship@margarianlaw.com), The Margarian Law Firm, 801 N. Brand Blvd., Suite 210, Glendale, CA 91203

Website: <https://margarianlaw.com/>, <https://margarianlaw.com/Scholarship/>

## **Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: The Diocese seeks students who are active in their local parishes and have assumed leadership roles in their communities. To be eligible, applicants must be U.S. citizens enrolled in four-year undergraduate programs.

Application Procedure: The scholarship application consists of four forms: the student application form, a pastoral reference form, an academic reference form, and a personal reference form. For those parishes with no parish priest, the recommendation must come from the Parish Council Chairperson.

Application Deadline: May 14th.

Remarks: Student and graduate student forms available.

Contact: Maria Barsoumian, [mariab@armeniandiocese.org](mailto:mariab@armeniandiocese.org), The Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, 630 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10016

Website: <https://armenianchurch.us/>, <https://armenianchurch.us/scholarships/student-application-form/>, <https://armenianchurch.us/scholarships/graduate-student-application-form/>

## **Vahan Adjemian Scholarship Fund of Tibrevank Alumni Inc.**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: An applicant must be of Armenian descent, involved in the Armenian community, must be enrolled in a US-based college or university in pursuit of an undergraduate or graduate degree.

Selection Criteria: All applicants will be considered based on service to, or participation in the Armenian community, scholastic achievement and financial need.

Application Procedure: An applicant must answer all the questions, sign the application form and provide copies of academic transcripts. All transcripts must be certified transcripts mailed directly from the school.

Previous scholarship recipients are eligible.

Application Deadline: April 30th.

Contact: [tibrevankusa@yahoo.com](mailto:tibrevankusa@yahoo.com), Tibrevank Alumni, Inc., Vahan Adjemian Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 14, Palisades Park, NJ 07650

Website: <https://www.vahanadjemianscholarship.org/>, [https://www.vahanadjemianscholarship.org/files/adjemian\\_application.pdf](https://www.vahanadjemianscholarship.org/files/adjemian_application.pdf)

## **Hagop and Pearl Mooradian Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be of Armenian descent pursuing their higher education in an accredited university in Armenia.

Selection Criteria: Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, academic merit, and involvement in the Armenian community.

Application Procedure: The following information must be sent with a completed application: official transcript of college grades, tuition costs, applicant's most recent Income Tax Return (form 1040), two letters of recommendation, and proof of enrollment or proof of acceptance into a college.

Application Deadline: June 15th.

Contact: [arseastus@gmail.com](mailto:arseastus@gmail.com), Armenian Relief Society of Eastern USA, Inc., Hagop and Pearl Mooradian Scholarship, 80 Bigelow Avenue, Suite 200, Watertown, MA 02472

Website: <https://arseastusa.org/>, <https://arseastusa.org/scholarship/>

## **Harut Barsamian Scholarship Fund Western Prelacy of the United States**

Area(s) of study: Natural sciences.

Application qualifications: Open to students of Armenian descent obtaining higher education in the United States in the field of natural sciences.

Application Procedure: The application packet must include the following:

1. Brief biography, resume, contact information (mailing address, email address, telephone number), and information on community involvement.
2. A photo of the applicant. Applicants must also note a concern regarding the Armenian Diaspora and what he/she proposes to rectify that concern/challenge.
3. Proof of acceptance or enrollment at a college/university in the United States.
4. Student ID and official transcript
5. Preferably a letter of recommendation.

Application Deadline: July (exact date varies)

Contact: Harut Barsamian Scholarship Fund, c/o Western Prelacy, 6252 Honolulu Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214

Website: <http://westernprelacy.org/en/>

## **Huys Foundation Scholarships**

Area(s) of study: Armenian Studies Scholarship, Engineering Scholarship, Scholarship for Service to Humanity.

Application qualifications: Huys Foundation follows a non-discrimination policy which does not differentiate among scholars who are eligible to apply for a Huys Scholarship. Applicants may be a citizen of Armenia, a resident of Armenia, of Armenian descent, or a person who can demonstrate a strong commitment to preserve and advance Armenian heritage and culture.

Selection Criteria:

- John Aroutiounian Scholarship for Service to Humanity, awarded to a deserving scholar with a strong commitment to ethical leadership and serving others in one's community with compassion, kindness, and humility,
- Armenian Studies Scholarship, awarded to a deserving scholar studying full-time in an academic program in the field of Armenian Studies, with a focus on the interrelation of global civilization and Armenian heritage and the contributions of the Armenian nation to humanity,
- Engineering Scholarship in Armenia, awarded to two deserving scholars studying full-time in an academic program in Engineering and related fields at educational institutions in Armenia, with demonstrated accomplishments in their area of interest, such as involvement in research or practical industry projects, allowing the scholars to participate in projects of practical significance promptly after graduation.

Application Procedure: Decisions on all aspects of the Huys Scholarship, including eligibility, academic degree program ranking, and future added value assessment, shall be made by the Scholarship Committee of the Foundation, appointed by the Board. The selection process may involve personal interviews. Each applicant may submit only one application for one academic degree program that the applicant has been admitted to. Previous scholarship recipients are eligible but guaranteed additional awards.

Application Deadline: June 1st

Contact: [info@huysfoundation.org](mailto:info@huysfoundation.org), Huys Foundation 8605 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 11005 West Hollywood, California 90069

Website: <https://huysfoundation.org/scholarships/>

## **COLLEGE-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Harry and Helen Kalpakian Memorial Scholarship University of Southern California**

Area(s) of study: Humanities, Natural Sciences, or Social Sciences.

Application qualifications: Awarded to students who demonstrate the ability or desire to further the interests of individuals of Armenian descent in liberal arts education. Must have a GPA of 3.2 or higher, sophomore standing or higher, and demonstrate the ability or desire to further the interests of individuals of Armenian descent.

Application Procedure: Additional essay prompt: *Please discuss how your undergraduate experience enhances your ability or desire to integrate the interests of individuals of Armenian descent with the interests of global citizens through the fields of humanities, natural sciences, or social sciences.*

Contact: [scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu](mailto:scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu), University of Southern California, Office of College Admissions, 3454 Trousdale Pkwy, Los Angeles, CA 90089

Website: <https://dornsife.usc.edu/>, <https://dornsife.usc.edu/scholarship-descriptions/#kalpakian>

### **Albert and Tove Boyajian Endowed Scholarship University of Southern California**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Awarded to undergraduate or graduate students who demonstrate financial need and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Contact: [scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu](mailto:scholarships@dornsife.usc.edu), University of Southern California, Office of College Admissions, 3454 Trousdale Pkwy, Los Angeles, CA 90089

Website: <https://dornsife.usc.edu/>, <https://dornsife.usc.edu/scholarship-descriptions/#boyajian>

### **U.C. Berkeley Hrayr Terzian Armenian Alumni Award**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Offered to a UC Berkeley student of Armenian Descent at the undergraduate (sophomore year or higher) or graduate level. Must show exemplary achievement or leadership in the UC Berkeley Armenian Studies Program and/or Armenian student community.

Funds Available: \$1,000.

Number of Awards Offered: 1.

Application Deadline: June 30th.

Contact: [contact@ucbaa.org](mailto:contact@ucbaa.org), University of California Berkeley Armenian Alumni, P.O. Box 10113, Berkeley, CA 94709

Website: <https://www.ucbaa.org/>, <https://www.ucbaa.org/scholarship-programs#:~:text=The%20Hrayr%20Terzian%20Armenian%20Alumni,Armenian%20academic%2C%20or%20community%20environments.>

## **Kaspar and Siroon Hovannisian Memorial Fellowship University of California, Los Angeles**

Area(s) of study: Armenian studies, Armenian history.

Application qualifications: Any graduate student in any field with a focus in Armenian studies, with preference given to Armenian history, and demonstrated financial need. Applicants should provide a statement of their projected plan of study. An unofficial transcript, personal statement, resume or CV, and 1 faculty letter of recommendation is needed.

Funds Available: One award of up to \$10,000, paid as a stipend, which is applied to standard tuition unless the awardee has another tuition-payment source. If there is another tuition-payment source, this award will pay out as a stipend.

Application Deadline: January 15th.

Contact: Chérie Francis, [cfrancis@grad.ucla.edu](mailto:cfrancis@grad.ucla.edu), [uclafellowship@grad.ucla.edu](mailto:uclafellowship@grad.ucla.edu), University of California, Los Angeles Graduate Division, 1228 Murphy Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90095

Website: <https://grad.ucla.edu/>, <https://grad.ucla.edu/funding/financial-aid/funding-for-continuing-students/fellowship-application/>

## **Mangasar M. Mangasarian Scholarship Fund University of California, Los Angeles**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Preference is given to graduate students who are of Armenian descent. Applicants must be nominated by the department, IDP, or school.

An unofficial transcript, personal statement, resume or CV, and 1 faculty letter of recommendation is needed.

Funds Available: Several awards of up to \$10,000 each, paid as stipends, which are applied to standard tuition unless the awardee has another tuition-payment source. If there is another tuition-payment source, this award will pay out as a stipend. The awards are made on the basis of candidates' academic record and availability of funds.

Additional Notes: Recipients must be registered and enrolled in at least 12 units during the entire academic year. At the time of the payment disbursement(s), recipients must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA during the entire term of the award(s). Scholarships are based on academic record and availability of funds.

Application Deadline: January 15th.

Contact: Chérie Francis, [cfrancis@grad.ucla.edu](mailto:cfrancis@grad.ucla.edu), [uclafellowship@grad.ucla.edu](mailto:uclafellowship@grad.ucla.edu), Graduate Division, 1228 Murphy Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90095

Website: <https://grad.ucla.edu/>, <https://grad.ucla.edu/funding/financial-aid/funding-for-continuing-students/fellowship-application/>

## **California State University, Fresno Armenian Studies Program Scholarships**

Area(s) of study: Armenian studies.

Application qualifications: Must be a student at the California State University, Fresno who meets university and Program minimum requirements. Students working toward a minor or simply enrolling in Armenian courses are eligible for scholarships administered by the program. Annual renewals are assured for students who continue to enroll in Armenian Studies courses. Available for anyone taking Armenian Studies Program courses and not only for students of “Armenian” heritage. Students pursuing a minor in Armenian Studies are usually guaranteed a scholarship.

Selection Criteria: Students are selected based on scholarly achievement in Armenian Studies Programs and financial need.

Application Procedure: 2-step application process online. Annual renewals are assured for students who continue to enroll in Armenian Studies courses.

Application Deadline: March 2nd.

Contact: Armenian Studies Program, California State University, Fresno, 5245 N. Backer Ave. PB4, Fresno, California 93740-8001

Website: <http://fresnostate.edu/artshum/armenianstudies/>,  
<http://www.fresnostate.edu/artshum/armenianstudies/students/scholarships-offered.html>

## **Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation Scholarship Villanova University**

Area(s) of study: General studies

Application qualifications: The award is offered to qualifying students whose families currently reside in the United States, are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, who have exemplary high school records, correspondingly high SAT or ACT scores and are of Armenian descent. Demonstrated financial need may also be taken into consideration and is renewable each year based on available funds provided that the recipient maintains a minimum 2.75 GPA each semester.

Selection Criteria: Selection is based on financial need and merit.

Duration: four academic years.

Application Deadline: To apply, you must first submit a complete application for admission as a first-year student, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the College Board Profile by January 15 of their senior year. Apply on the website.

Contact: [finaid@villanova.edu](mailto:finaid@villanova.edu), Villanova University - Office of Financial Assistance  
Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Scholarship Committee  
800 Lancaster Avenue, Villanova, PA 19085

Website: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university.html>,  
<https://www1.villanova.edu/university/undergraduate-admission/Financial-Assistance-and-scholarship/merit-based-scholarships.html>

## **Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation Scholarship Georgian Court College**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Full-time student enrolled at Georgian Court University's Women's College, preferably of Armenian descent. The recipients must have a GPA of 2.50 with proven financial need.

Selection Criteria: Selection is based upon financial need.

Funds Available: \$2,500–\$3,000

Contact: [admissions@georgian.edu](mailto:admissions@georgian.edu), Georgian Court College, Financial Aid Office, 900 Lakewood Avenue, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Website: <https://georgian.edu/>, <https://catalog.georgian.edu/undergraduate/financial-information/scholarships-awards/>

## **Budakian Endowment Scholarship Fund Rider University**

Area(s) of study: Arts or Politics.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be full-time, undergraduate, matriculated, and enrolled students attending Rider University. Preference is to be given to students of Armenian ancestry/descent. At least one grandparent must be Armenian if a recipient is to qualify for this preference.

Selection Criteria: Preference is given to students of Armenian ancestry. Recipients are selected by Financial Aid.

Funds Available: Varies.

Contact: Tracey McCarthy, Rider University, Financial Services, 2083 Lawrenceville Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-3099.

## **Dr. George & Isabelle Elanjian Scholarship University of Michigan, Dearborn**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Available to students of Armenian background. Eligible applicants can be either current UM-Dearborn students or transfer students who have completed 12 credits at UM-Dearborn or another college. Recipients should be enrolled full-time (a minimum of 12 credit hours during the fall and winter semesters). The minimum GPA requirement is 3.0 (4.0 scale) or better. Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

Funds Available: Varies.

Application Procedure: Interested students must submit a current FAFSA to the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships, letters of recommendation, and supplemental questions.

Application Deadline: April 30th.

Contact: [umd-ask-ofa@umich.edu](mailto:umd-ask-ofa@umich.edu), University of Michigan - Dearborn Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, University Center, Richard Dr #1183, Dearborn, MI 48128

Website: <https://umd-umich.academicworks.com/>, <https://umd-umich.academicworks.com/opportunities/3240>

## **H. Kruger Kaprielian Scholarship University of Virginia**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Students of Armenian descent at the University of Virginia are eligible. All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and must demonstrate financial need.

Selection Criteria: Based on financial need.

Application Procedure: All applications must include at least three (3) forms of proof of Armenian descent (see sidebar for list of acceptable documents). Additional proof may be requested after the application has been submitted.

Application Deadline: July 15th.

Additional Note: Awards may be renewable as long as the recipient continues to meet the following criteria: Minimum cumulative GPA- Undergraduate 2.5; Graduate 3.0

Enrolled full-time at the University of Virginia (may not be used for study abroad)

Qualify to receive financial aid. Must submit the current award letter from Student Financial Services for the upcoming academic year.

Funds are only available for the standard academic year. Scholarships will be paid ½ in the fall semester, ½ in the spring semester. Scholarships cannot be used for J-Term or summer sessions.

Contact: Molly Bass, [mcb7k@virginia.edu](mailto:mcb7k@virginia.edu), [alumni-scholarships@virginia.edu](mailto:alumni-scholarships@virginia.edu), University of VA Financial Aid Office, 1001 Emmet St N, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

Website: <https://alumni.virginia.edu/>, <https://alumni.virginia.edu/scholarships/alumni-association-awards/h-kruger-kaprielian-scholarship/>

## **The Arisdine Krikorian Scholarship Greater Boston Area**

Area(s) of study: All fields of study but preference may be given to applicants pursuing Armenian Studies

Application qualifications: The Arisdine Krikorian and Family Foundation has established a scholarship program to assist current undergraduate and graduate level students who are of Armenian descent (self-identify) who reside and attend college or university in the Greater Boston, Massachusetts, area.

Selection Criteria: Academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, work experience, financial need, a statement of educational and career goals and objectives, personal or family circumstances, an online recommendation.

The Arisdine Krikorian and Family Foundation's review committee will also review a custom essay (up to 10,000 characters, approximately 2,000 words) on the topic: "Explain how your Armenian heritage has influenced your personal development and your choice of educational and community activities."

Application Procedure: Apply online.

Application Deadline: October 31st.

Contact: [krikorian@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:krikorian@scholarshipamerica.org), 507-931-1682

Website: <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/krikorian/>

## **Harry and Angel Zerigian Scholarship Bentley College**

Area(s) of study: Accounting.

Application qualifications: Awarded to full-time juniors and seniors majoring in Accountancy who are of Armenian ancestry. Preference is given to students from Haverhill, Lawrence, Waltham, or Watertown, MA.

Funds Available: Award amount varies and is based on student needs and the number of students who are eligible for the scholarship.

Application Procedure: Students do not apply directly for this scholarship. The Zerigian scholarship is awarded by Bentley College's financial aid office.

Contact: Paula DeCosta, [pdecosta@bentley.edu](mailto:pdecosta@bentley.edu), [finaid@bentley.edu](mailto:finaid@bentley.edu), Bentley College, Financial Aid Office, 175 Forest St., Waltham, MA 02452-4705.

## **Ayvazian Fund Mt. Holyoke College**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be women of Armenian descent or from Armenia.

Application Procedure: Students must identify that they are of Armenian descent and apply for need-based financial aid. The matching takes place through our stewardship office of College Relations.

Contact: Kathy Blaisdell, [SFS@mholyoke.edu](mailto:SFS@mholyoke.edu), Student Financial Services, Mount Holyoke College, 16 Skinner Hall, 50 College Street, South Hadley, MA 01075

## **Hagop Bogigian Scholarship Fund Mt. Holyoke College**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Students must identify that they are of Armenian descent and apply for need-based financial aid. Awards are handled by the stewardship office of College Relations.

Application Procedure: Students should apply directly to the financial aid office for financial aid and should indicate on the form that they are of Armenian descent.

Contact: Kathy Blaisdell, [SFS@mholyoke.edu](mailto:SFS@mholyoke.edu), Student Financial Services, Mount Holyoke College, 16 Skinner Hall, 50 College Street, South Hadley, MA 01075

## **Hagop Bogigian Fund Wilson College**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Awarded to full-time students of Armenian descent with a preference for citizens of Armenia.

Funds Available: Full tuition renewable up to 4 years.

Application Deadline: March 1st.

Contact: Linda Brittain, [linda.brittain@wilson.edu](mailto:linda.brittain@wilson.edu), [finaid@wilson.edu](mailto:finaid@wilson.edu), Wilson College, Financial Aid Office, 1015 Philadelphia Ave., Chambersburg, PA, 17201.

Website: <https://www.wilson.edu/>, <https://www.wilson.edu/competitive-scholarships>

## **GRADUATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **National Association for Armenian Studies and Research Grant / Knights of Vartan Fund for Armenian Studies**

Area(s) of study: Research in the field of Armenian studies.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be graduate or postgraduate students of Armenian descent who are permanent residents or citizens of the United States. Research grants and fellowships are available only to those doing research in the field of Armenian studies.

Funds Available: Grants may be given for travel, cost of microfilms or other research materials, and for similar expenses. Grants are not issued to support requests outside of the field of Armenian Studies. Duration is for a period not exceeding one year.

Application Procedure: Each applicant must state in full detail the purpose and scope of his/her research. A detailed proposal, including a budget, details of any required travel, and the names of other sources that have been approached for funds; a curriculum vitae and recommendations from at least two persons of academic standing familiar with the applicant's previous work and proposed research must be submitted.

Application Deadline: Deadlines for submission of a proposal are March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15. Proposals must be submitted at least three months prior to the event or project for which funding is sought.

Contact: [hq@naasr.org](mailto:hq@naasr.org), National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, 395 Concord Ave., Belmont, MA 02178

Website: <http://www.naasr.org>, <https://naasr.org/pages/grants-academic-outreach>

### **Harold R. Partamian Scholarship, Apelian Family Scholarship, Armenian American Pharmacists' Association (A.A.P.A.) Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: Pharmacology.

Application qualifications: Armenian students who are enrolled in the 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th professional year of the Doctor of Pharmacy program at a College or School of Pharmacy in New England are invited to apply.

Selection Criteria: The award is based on academic excellence and/or financial need as well as concrete demonstration of the student's accomplishments and interest in the field of pharmacy.

Funds Available: The sum of the award will be determined by the Scholarship Committee annually depending on the sums available in the Scholarship Fund.

Number of Awards Offered: The number of scholarships awarded will be determined by the Scholarship Committee annually depending on the sums available in the Scholarship Fund.

Application Procedure: Apply directly on the website.

Application Deadline: February 1.

Contact: Susan A. Krikorian, Armenian American Pharmacists' Association, Department of Pharmacy Practice, 179 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

Inquiries- PO BOX 550046, North Waltham, MA 02455

## **Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) Loan Program in the U.S.**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be enrolled in full-time graduate degree programs (Master's, Doctoral, Professional) at highly selective colleges and universities in the United States and have achieved a GPA of 3.5 and above, as measured by the American grading system.

Selection Criteria: Based on academic excellence and financial need.

Funds Available: Individual grants averaging \$5,000 USD are awarded annually and are available for a maximum of three (3) years of graduate study.

Duration: One year.

Application Deadline: April 30th. Applications open January 1st.

Contact: [scholarship@agbu.org](mailto:scholarship@agbu.org), Armenian General Benevolent Union, Scholarship Program Education Department, 55 E 59th St., New York, NY 10022-1112

Website: <https://www.agbu-scholarship.org/>

## **Armenian Professional Society Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be of Armenian descent and enrolled in a graduate degree program in the United States in Fall of that year to qualify for a scholarship.

Selection Criteria: Awards are granted on the basis of financial need, academic record, and involvement in the Armenian community.

Application Procedure: Apply directly on the website. Requires a current resume, official transcript, up to two letters of recommendation, and an essay prompt.

Application Deadline: August 3rd.

Contact: [scholarships@armenianprofessionalsociety.org](mailto:scholarships@armenianprofessionalsociety.org), Armenian Professional Society, P.O. Box 10134, Glendale, CA, 91209

Website: <http://www.armenianprofessionalsociety.org/>,  
<http://www.armenianprofessionalsociety.org/scholarships.html>

## **Armenian American Medical Association Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: Medicine.

Application qualifications: Open to those of Armenian Descent or those who have special interest in Armenian medical causes and Armenian health/community service. Scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled in a US accredited medical, pharmacy, dental, physician assistant, nursing or other professional healthcare schools.

Selection Criteria: Awards are granted on the basis of financial need, merit, and involvement in Armenian cultural affairs.

Application Procedure: An official association application must be submitted. Mailed on request.

Application Deadline: August 15th.

Contact: [info@aamsc.org](mailto:info@aamsc.org), Armenian American Medical Society, P.O. Box 32, Glendale, CA 91209

Website: <https://aamsc.org/>, <https://aamsc.org/scholarships/>

## **Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Armenian Studies Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: Armenian studies and related social sciences.

Application qualifications: Graduate students of any nationality, admitted or already pursuing a Master, PhD degree or Post Doc in an institution of higher education anywhere in the world.

Selection Criteria: The scholarship Armenian Studies scholarship program focus within the social sciences field varies year to year, please see their website for more details.

Application Procedure: Please consult the conditions document available in the documents section on the scholarship webpage before applying. Previous scholarship recipients are eligible but guaranteed additional awards.

Application Deadline: May 1st.

Contact: [carmenias@gulbenkian.pt](mailto:carmenias@gulbenkian.pt) Serviço das Comunidades Arménias, Avenida de Berna, 45-A, 1067-001 Lisboa, Portugal

Website: <https://gulbenkian.pt/armenian-communities/how-to-apply/grants/>

## **Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund**

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Fellowships are restricted to graduate students who are United States citizens attending an accredited and designated institution of higher education within the United States. Fellowship candidates must have an outstanding undergraduate record, demonstrate financial need and be attending a designated college or university.

Application Procedure: Applications must be submitted through the dean of the university where the student is pursuing graduate studies. Please contact your school's financial aid or fellowship office for more information and to obtain an application.

Funds Available: Fellowships cover the cost of tuition and provide an annual \$18,000 stipend for living expenses. Publication grants vary depending on the magnitude of the publication.

Application Deadline: Fellowship applications are distributed to designated universities in October, applications are due in January and notifications are sent by mid-June.

Publications deadlines are April 15th and November 15th.

Additional Notes: Independent research and study grants are restricted to scholars who are based in and conducting research in the United States. PLEASE NOTE: Independent research and study grants are offered only on rare occasions. The Fund also makes grants to support the publication of dissertations or historical or literary works focusing on Armenian culture or history.

Contact: Fellowship Program: Tina Gonzalez, [tina.gonzalez@jpmorgan.com](mailto:tina.gonzalez@jpmorgan.com), The Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund, c/o Tina Gonzalez, Grants Manager JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Private Foundation Services, PO Box 227237, Dallas, TX 75222-7237

Publications Program: Mr. M. Haigentz, The Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund, c/o Mr. M. Haigentz, Program Coordinator, 1518 11th Street, Fort Lee, NJ 07024

Website: <https://fdnweb.org/liebmann/>, <https://fdnweb.org/liebmann/application/>

## **"George & Beatrice Lazarian" Graduate Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: Law, history, political science, international relations, journalism, government, economics, business administration, medicine, public service, or a similar field.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be of Armenian descent, have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S., and be in need of financial assistance. Applicants must be pursuing their studies at the graduate level (Master's or Doctorate degree) in the field of law, history, political science, international relations, journalism, government, economics, business administration, medicine, public service, or a similar field.

Selection Criteria: Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, academic merit, and involvement in the Armenian community.

Application Procedure: The following information must be sent with a completed application: transcripts, tuition costs, Income Tax Returns, 3 letters of recommendation, and proof of enrollment/acceptance in a graduate program.

Scholarship Length: Scholarships are for one year only. An individual who receives an award may apply for a scholarship during the following year. There is no automatic renewal. Applicants may receive a total of two awards.

Application Deadline: April 1st.

Contact: [arseastus@gmail.com](mailto:arseastus@gmail.com), Armenian Relief Society of Eastern USA, Inc., Lazarian Scholarship Committee, 80 Bigelow Avenue, Suite 200, Watertown, MA 02472

Website: <https://arseastusa.org/>, <https://arseastusa.org/scholarship/>

## **Armenian Bar Association Scholarships**

Area(s) of study: Law

Application qualifications: The Armenian Bar Association awards scholarships to support meritorious students of Armenian descent attending or accepting for admission to an approved law school in the United States, Armenia or elsewhere. Recipients must demonstrate an outstanding academic record as well as a strong commitment to the Armenian community, particularly in humanitarian and/or law-related endeavors.

Selection Criteria: Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit.

Application Procedure: The following information must be sent with a completed application: cover letter, resume, two (2) letters of recommendation, transcripts, and proof of entrance or acceptance into, or continuation in, an approved law school.

Scholarship Length: Scholarships are for one year only. An individual who receives an award may apply for a scholarship during the following year. There is no automatic renewal. Applicants may receive a total of two awards.

Application Deadline: June 30th. Applications open January 1st.

Contact: [scholarship@armenianbar.org](mailto:scholarship@armenianbar.org), Armenian Bar Association, Attention: Grants & Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 29111, Los Angeles, CA 90029

Website: <https://armenianbar.org/>, <https://armenianbar.org/scholarship/>

## **Society for Armenian Studies Grants**

Area(s) of study: Armenian studies.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be current members of the Society for Armenian Studies.

Selection Criteria: Based on academic excellence and financial need.

Funds Available: up to \$1,000.

Duration: One year.

Application Procedure: All of the following items MUST be included with this application, or the entire package will be disqualified:

1. 1 Page Resume: Double-spaced, 12 pt. font.
2. 2 Page Description of project: Double-spaced, 12 pt.
3. One letter of recommendation from your advisor or a senior figure in the field.
4. Estimated budget for the project: include total expenses, travel details, etc.

Application Deadline: April 15th.

Contact: Barlow Der Mugrdechian, [barlowd@csufresno.edu](mailto:barlowd@csufresno.edu), Armenian Studies Program, California State University, Fresno, 5245 N Backer Ave. PB4, Fresno, CA 93740-8001

Website: <https://societyforarmenianstudies.com/>, <https://societyforarmenianstudies.com/resources/>

## **Pepperdine School of Law - Armenian Student Scholarship**

Area(s) of study: Law.

Application qualifications: Open to Armenian students attending Pepperdine School of Law.

Selection Criteria: Based on financial need, academic merit, and personal achievement.

Contact: [lawfinaid@pepperdine.edu](mailto:lawfinaid@pepperdine.edu), Office of Financial Assistance, Caruso School of Law, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90263

Website: <https://law.pepperdine.edu/>, <https://law.pepperdine.edu/admissions/financial-aid/domestic-applicants/scholarships/overlay-restricted-endowed.htm>



## **Armenian Assembly of America**

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### **Armenian Assembly of America Office Addresses**

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