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Scholarship Program Guidelines

The Assyrian Foundation of America (AFA) is dedicated to helping Assyrian students across the world achieve their goal of higher education. AFA has two main priorities, one, to support Assyrians living in regions where there are scant resources with which to pursue an education. Two, to support Assyrian students in the field of Assyrian studies including history, language, art, or culture.

The AFA Scholarship Program helps Assyrian students attain some ease of mind while meeting their financial obligations in the pursuit of higher education. Through the Scholarship Program, AFA distributes donations earmarked for education from our generous members and supporters.

AFA asks graduating scholarship recipients to give back and share their learning with the Assyrian nation, for example, by presenting at an AFA meeting or writing a piece for one of AFA's platforms, such as Nineveh Magazine or AFA's social media. Graduating students will be invited to become a member of AFA, with the idea of supporting future scholars.

Scholarships range from \$1000 to \$5000 per academic year, with most scholarships in the \$1,000 to \$3,000. range. Scholarships are distributed according to the schedule below. Scholarships of up to \$2000. are distributed in one payment in June. Scholarships of over \$2000. are distributed in two increments in June and October.

Scholarship Process Timeline

February 1 - March 31	Submit application. <i>Applications submitted after March 31 will be considered only if there are remaining funds.</i>
May 1-6	Applicants are notified of decisions.
June 1	Scholarships are distributed.
October 1	Second distribution of scholarships over 2,000.

Scholarship Criteria: The AFA prioritizes applicants who meet the following criteria:

1. Financial Need:
Applicants from regions with limited resources/access to education.
2. Assyrian Studies:
Intended major in Assyrian studies and related fields, including Assyrian history, language, art, and culture.
3. Grade Point Average (GPA): Scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA (US standards) throughout their course of study
4. Scholarship application form and supporting documents must be received by March 31.
5. Applicants self-identify as Assyrian.
6. All scholarships are for the purpose of off-setting costs of tuition, books, and fees to accredited educational programs.

Scholarship Application Check List: All scholarship applicants must complete the following steps and submit them to the AFA Education Chair at education@assyrianfoundation.org no later than March 31.

1. Scholarship Application - AFA Official Scholarship Form (required annually)
2. A copy of student ID or other ID
3. Copy of most recent transcript – showing courses and grades with GPA
4. First time applicants only – provide a written personal statement of purpose
5. Graduate students only – Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Resume

Expectations for Scholarship Recipients: Once applicant has been granted an AFA scholarship, and before first distribution of funds, applicant submits copy of acceptance letter from school.

At the end of each school year, the scholarship recipient must prepare a presentation or a write up of their academic learning and accomplishments during the year. The recipient may choose one of the following formats:

- 1) Oral presentation for the AFA board or general members' meeting.
- 2) Written piece for Nineveh magazine and/or the AFA's social media site.

Questions?

Email questions to the AFA Education Chair at education@assyrianfoundation.org.