AEF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Armenian Educational Foundation has been providing deserving students in Armenia and the Diaspora with opportunities for higher education for more than half a century. During the last decade AEF awarded more than $635,000 in scholarships to Armenian college students in a variety of disciplines. Since 2007, AEF has devoted much of its resources to a nation-wide scholarship program in Armenia, helping to shape the future of the homeland. Each scholarship is the gateway to a brighter tomorrow for Armenia.

It is nation-building 101 at its most essential, and AEF is once again at the forefront.

Integrity beyond Reproach: The Scholarship Selection Process

In late 2007, AEF launched a more expansive scholarship program to provide full tuition university scholarships. We started the project seeking benefactors who would join us in sponsoring $1,000 per year for four year scholarships for students attending public universities in Armenia. The Armenia Scholarship Committee (ASC) was tasked with creating a scholarship selection program based on the simple principle of integrity, while at the same time, taking into consideration Armenia’s socio-economic environment.

The ASC’s mission was to create a selection process identifying academically excellent candidates with demonstrated financial need, whose past record indicated the potential for success in higher education. The greatest challenges faced by the ASC in designing the selection system was the absence of readily available financial statements, non-standard grading systems (including the absence of grade point averages), and finally the ability to assess the integrity of all information received. In light of these challenges, the ASC began the lengthy process of assessing existing systems, relying on the experience of the American University of Armenia, as well as other private scholarship funds. Based on extensive research, the ASC drafted criteria to serve as the initial targeting of candidates. Based on these criteria, a detailed 11-page application form was designed to solicit maximum but necessary information to ensure objective decisions. This criteria and the application form yielded an automated scoring system, creating a quantitative assessment system which generated ranking of applicants.

To ensure that all aspects of an applicant’s personal and socio-economic situation were taken into account, shortlisted applicants were interviewed, and in some cases ASC members visited students’ homes to meet family members. From this process, scholarship recipients were then matched with specific donor stipulations, such as academic discipline preferences and scholarship amounts. AEF set out to instill an unmatched level of professionalism and objectivity into the process so that it would serve as a model of philanthropy in Armenia. In this regard AEF selected a group of qualified individuals, both from Armenia and the Diaspora.

The members of the Armenia Scholarship Committee are:

1. Nvard V. Manasian — Chair, Adviser to the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia, holds two Masters degrees.
2. Stepan Nalbandyan — Executive Director of the Armenian Educational Foundation’s Armenia office, architect.
4. Iren Peroomian — From USA. Moved to Armenia in 2006 with her husband and children. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Design.
5. Madlene Minassian — Los Angeles native who has been living and working in Armenia for the last decade, holds Sociology degree from UCLA.
6. Seda Davtyan — Tehran native, graduate of an Armenian school, and graduate of the National University of Tehran, Law School. Attorney for 18 years.
7. Ruben Babayan — From USA. Life long educator and academician, has devoted many years to teaching, identifying and working with gifted children, Board member of several US and Armenia based organizations.
WHAT’S IN THE APPLICATION?

- **Student biographical data.** Scoring is designed to take into account students from the rural communities of Armenia (outside of Yerevan), Artsakh and Javakhk.

- **Family biographical data.** Scoring is designed to provide incentives to applicants who may be orphans, whose parents may be veterans of the Artsakh Liberation War.

- **Student academic record.** Only students meeting the very minimum academic requirement are encouraged to apply. Compared to the U.S. system, only GPAs above 3.0 are considered.

- **Certified employment information.** There are no individual tax filings in Armenia, therefore, all information from employers must be certified for authenticity.

- **Family biographical data.** Scoring is designed to provide incentives to applicants who may be orphans, whose parents may be veterans of the Artsakh Liberation War.

- **Monthly utility statements (February and August).** This allows the ASC to accurately measure the family's financial circumstances based on the level of utility usage in extremely cold and a hot month of the year.

- **A statement of purpose**

- **A statement of professional interest**

- **Two letters of recommendation from instructors**

- **Scheduled interviews**

- **Scheduled home visits**

- **Proof of enrollment and statement of tuition**

- **Tuition transfer coordinates directly to the university**

“...The AEF scholarship is a chance at a new beginning not only for me, but for my family, my village. Without it, there would have been no possibility for me to attend the university.”

2007-08 Scholarship Recipient

“Հայ ընտանիքի զարգացման ստվան հայդատիները, ապագան կերտելու և մեր հայրենիքին փառք ու պատիւ բերելու հարցում:

Վաղւայ իրենց երկրի տէրերը: ՀԿՀ-ը զորավիգ է լինում եր իտասարդներին մեր երկրի վաղւայ

այլև` նպաստելով նրանց բարձր առաջադիմութեանը, ոգևույթով, կարծես ասելով, որ իրենք են

խորհուրդը ու բարերարները, ոչ միայն գնահատելով խելաց ի ու տաղանդաւոր ուսանողներին,

շատ կարեւում ու բարձր են գնահատում այն մեծ ու բարե գործը, որ կատարում են տնօրէնների

Tho Աստծոյ աջը միշտ պահապան լինի Ձեզ:

Անգնահատելի է այն ներդրումը, որ ունի ՀԿՀ-ը հայ շնորհ ալի երիտասարդների բուհական

Հայ Կրթական Հիմնարկութեան ներքո հովանավոր ուսանողների երը իրենց խորին

2010-2011 ՀԿՀ-ի համահարականության գրանցման արձագանք

Currently, of the 30 scholarship recipients, 20 have sponsors and 10 are sponsored by AEF.
Armine Haroyan, 22, from Aragatsotn, Talin village, studies at the Yerevan State University, Journalism faculty. She is on her 2nd year of masters program. She will graduate in May 2011 and decided to continue and pass the postgraduate course. Sponsors: Hacob & Mina Shirvianan

Levon Yeghiazaryan, 20, from Shirak, Maralik village, studies at the Yerevan State Economical University, faculty of Economics Reconciliation and International Economics, 4th year. He will graduate in May, 2011 and decided to continue and get masters degree. Sponsors: Richard Tufenkian Fund

Lusine Barsaghyan, 21, from Tavoush, frintier Koghb village, studies at the Yerevan State University, Journalism faculty. She will graduate in May, 2011 and decided to continue and get masters degree. Sponsors: Richard Tufenkian Fund

Arusyk Sargsyan, 20, from Shirak, Artik city, studies at the National Academy of Sciences, Jurisprudence faculty, 1st year. She will graduate in May, 2012. Sponsor: Movsesian Fund

Tatevik Araqelyan, 25, from Ararat, Lusarat village, studies at the Clinical Residency of the Mkhtar Heratsi State Medical University. She is a future cardiologist. She will graduate in May, 2013. Sponsor: Sheila Papayans.

Tereza Gharabaghchyan, 21, from Gegharkunik, Gavar city, studies at the Gavar State University, faculty Economics. She is on her 1st year of magistracy. She graduates in May, 2012. Sponsor: Ara & Tina Shabanian

Susanna Kyureghyan, 26, from Vayots Dzor, Rind village, studies at the State Komitas Conservatory, faculty classic vocal. She will graduate in May, 2012. Sponsors: George and Beila Isaians

Lianna Margaryan, 26, from Aragatsotn, Aragatsavan village, studies at the National Academy of Sciences, political science faculty. She is on her 2nd year. Lianna has graduated from the “Galig” University, Journalism faculty with high achievement. She will graduate in May, 2013. Sponsors: Bobken & Hasmik Amirian

Arpine Araqelyan, 21, from Shirak, Nor Kyan village, studies at the Armenian State Rural University, economics faculty, 5th year. She will graduate in May, 2011. Sponsor: Ara & Tina Shabanian

Manushak Tavrizyan, 26, from Artsakh, studies at the National Academy of Sciences, Journalism faculty, 2nd year. She will graduate in May, 2011. Sponsors: Herand & Violette Mikaelian

Anahit Chinchgukyan, 21, from Yerevan, studies at the Yerevan State University, psychology faculty. She is at her 1st year of masters program. She will graduate in May, 2012. Sponsor: Edik & Seda Martikian

Mariam Muradyan, 20, from Gegharkunik, Gavar city, studies at Gavar State University, Philology – English language faculty, 4th year. She will graduate in May, 2011. Sponsors: Vahik & Alice Petrossian

Nelli Sargsyan, 22, from Tavoush, Noyemberian city, studies at the Yerevan State University, actuarial mathematics faculty, 2nd year of masters program. She will graduate in May, 2011. Sponsor: Mgrdich Fidanian Fund

Sona Ghazaryan, 20, from Aragatsotn, Hakashen village, studies at the Armenian State Economical University, faculty Economics. She is on her 1st year of magistracy. She will graduate in May, 2012. Sponsor: Mgrdich Fidanian Fund

Liliana Vardanyan, 20, from Kotayk, Hrazdan city, studies at the Yerevan State University, faculty Chemistry, department Ecological Chemistry. She is on her 4th year. She will graduate in May, 2011. Sponsor: Mgrdich Fidanian Fund
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