Financial Aid Directory for Students of Armenian Descent

Armenian Assembly of America

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Introduction

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

This updated fifth edition of the directory lists all organizations throughout the United States, including a limited number in Canada and in Europe, which grant various scholarships and/or loans. There may 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* is produced to give interested persons a source of information about obtaining a scholarship as a student of Armenian descent.

Students should not overlook the many other sources of funding available. 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.

Another opportunity offered to college students by the Armenian Assembly of America is the annual Summer Internship Program in Washington, DC. The program is described in the back of this publication.

The *Financial Aid Directory* and applications for the Summer Internship Program can be requested (without charge) by writing or calling the Armenian Assembly, 122 C Street, N.W., Suite 350, Washington, DC 20001. Telephone: (202) 393-3434. You may also access both of these programs through the Assembly's web site www.aaainc.org/intern/interns.htm

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

Armenian Assembly of America

Armenian Allied Arts Association Scholarship

Area(s) of study: Competition categories includes art, literature, drama, poetry, instrumental music, vocal music, and music composition.
Application qualifications: Age eligibility varies with the area of competition, but in general there are children, junior, and senior categories. At least one parent must be of Armenian descent. Participants do not have to be U.S. citizens.
Selection Criteria: Although scholarships are not granted, financial awards are offered through an annual arts competition. Awards are made based on merit of work.
Funds Available: $50 - $1,000, depending on age and area of competition. Funds are to be used to further study at an accredited school or with a recognized private instructor of the winner's choice.
Application Procedure: Applications are available by November. Write for further details.
Application Deadline: Prior to April.
Contact: Mr. Morris Sabbagh, Armenian Allied Arts Association, 3063 Dona Marta Dr., Studio City, CA 91604.

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 and enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university. A minimum GPA of 3.0 (B average) is also required. Students from Armenia re eligible, but only if they meet the previously mentioned criteria.
Selection Criteria: Awards are granted on the basis of grades, need, and involvement in school and community activities.
Funds Available: $500 - $1,500. Scholarships are renewable.
Application Procedure: Write for further details.
Application Deadline: Dates change annually.
Contact: Mrs. Dorothy Deradoorian, Armenian-American Citizens' League, Educational & Scholarship Fund, Inc., PO Box 14, Moorpark, CA, 93020-0014.

Armenian American Medical Association Scholarship

Area(s) of study: Medicine.
Application qualifications: Open to Armenian students enrolled in a U.S. medical school. Primarily intended for students residing and studying in a private New England medial school. Other should not apply.
Selection Criteria: Awards are granted on the basis of financial need, merit, and involvement in Armenian cultural affairs.
Funds Available: $1500-2000 is awarded annually.
Number of Awards Offered: 2-3 per year.
Application Procedure: An official association application must be submitted. Mailed on request. Write for further details.
Application Deadline: September 5-October 15.

Contact: Dr. Edward Karian, Armenian American Medical Association, 324 Common St., Watertown, MA 02172-4940.

Armenian American Pharmacists' Association Scholarship

Area(s) of study: Pharmacology.
Application qualifications: Awarded to students of Armenian descent that are enrolled in the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth professional year at a college of pharmacy in New England (Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island), and pursuing a baccalaureate of pharmacy, doctor of pharmacy, or in a graduate degree program for pharmacy.
Selection Criteria: Based on academic excellence and/or financial need.
Funds Available: Amount of scholarship is determined by the Scholarship Committee, depending on the sums available in the Scholarship Fund.
Number of Awards Offered: One scholarship is given for one academic year.
Application Procedure: Write for further details.
Application Deadline: September 15.
Contact: Susan A. Krikorian, Armenian American Pharmacists' Association, Department of Pharmacy Practice, 179 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

Emmanuel Bible College Scholarship

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Students are eligible for this scholarship if they decide to study in Emmanuel Bible College for at least three years. Applicants do not have to be U.S. citizens. The winner must pledge to work as a minister, evangelist, missionary, or youth director after graduation.
Selection Criteria: Good academic standing and character.
Application Procedure: Grants and scholarships are available to students enrolled at the college. Scholarships apply equally to full-time, part-time, and correspondence students. Selection is based upon the need and grades of students.
Application Deadline: June 30.
Contact: Dr. Yeghia Babikian, Emmanuel Bible College, 1605 E. Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA 91104.

Armenian Cultural Society of Akron/Canton Scholarship

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be of students of Armenian descent who live in Northeast Ohio and are enrolled in colleges and universities.
Funds Available: $250 - $500. Renewable
Application Procedure: Write for further details.
Application Deadline: June 1.
Contact: Mr. Ed Davidian, Armenian Cultural Society of Akron/Canton, 6975 Promway Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720.

Armenian Dental Society of Southern California (ADSC)
Dr. Nishan Kazazian Scholarship Fund

Area of Study: Dentistry (DDS).
Application qualifications: 3rd or 4th year dental student of Armenian descent completing their Doctoral of Dental Surgery degree at an accredited California Dental School.
Selection Criteria: Scholarship committee will base its decision on the applicant's academic achievement, personal statement, financial need and involvement in the Armenian community.
Funds available: $1,000 (non-renewable).
Application procedure: Write letter of interest requesting application from ADSC.
Application deadline: December 31.
Contact: ADSC Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 2074, Glendale, CA, 91209-2074.

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Selection Criteria: Scholarship committee will base its decision on the applicant's academic achievement, personal statement, financial need and involvement in the Armenian community.
Funds available: One round-trip ticket to Armenia (room and board provided) to treat patients at selected dental clinics throughout Armenia.
Application procedure: Write letter of interest requesting application from ADSC.
Application deadline: December 31.
Contact: ADSC Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 2074, Glendale, CA, 91209-2074.

Armenian Dental Society of Southern California (ADSC)
Dr. Nishan Kazazian Scholarship Fund

Area of Study: Dental Hygiene (RDH).
Application qualifications: 2nd year dental hygiene student of Armenian descent completing their Registered Dental Hygiene degree at an accredited California Dental Hygiene Program.
Selection Criteria: Scholarship committee will base its decision on the applicant's academic achievement, personal statement, financial need and involvement in the Armenian community.
Funds available: $500 (non-renewable).
Application procedure: Write letter of interest requesting application from ADSC.
Application deadline: December 31.

Contact: ADSC Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 2074, Glendale, CA, 91209-2074.

Armenian General Athletic Union Alumni Scholarship

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: High school students who are entering college are eligible. Applicants do not have to be U.S. citizens but they must be permanent U.S. residents.
Selection Criteria: Awarded on the basis of merit and need.
Funds Available: $1000 is awarded. Scholarship is non-renewable.
Application Procedure: Write for further details.
Application Deadline: May 15.
Contact: Mr. Peter Ajemian, Armenian General Athletic Union Alumni Association, 211 Grand Blvd. Emerson, NJ 07630-1170.

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

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Full-time students of Armenian heritage pursing Masters' degrees in communications, education administration, public administration or international relations; PhD in Armenian studies (final two years only); first professional degree in law (JD) or medicine (MD) are eligible. Candidates must be students enrolled in highly competitive colleges and universities. Applicants must also have a GPA of 3.5 or better during their undergraduate study.
Funds Available: Loans range from $5000-7500 yearly. Repayments begin within 12 months of completion of full-time study and extend 5 to 10 years depending on the amount of the loan. The interest rate of 3% begins when repayment of loan is initiated.
Duration: One year.
Application Procedure: Write for further details.
Application Deadline: April 1.
Contact: Maral Achian, Armenian General Benevolent Union, Scholarship Program Education Department, 31 W. 52nd St., New York, NY 10019- 6118.

Armenian Professional Society of the Bay Area Scholarship

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must have full-time status at an accredited university or four-year college at the sophomore or higher level. The requirement is waived for teachers of Armenian subjects who are studying on a part-time basis to obtain a teaching credential or toward a degree in education or other related fields. Applicants must have maintained a GPA of 3.2 or higher and have substantial involvement in Armenian affairs. Students from Armenia are eligible.
Selection Criteria: Preference given to students interested in Armenian studies programs, elementary and secondary level teaching careers in Armenian schools and the arts (i.e. music, fine arts, literature, cinematography, and journalism).
Funds Available: $1000-2000 and is not renewable.
Application Procedure: Write for further details.

Application Deadline: November 15.
Contact: John Missirian, MD, Armenian Professional Society of the Bay Area, 839 Marina Blvd., San Francisco, CA, 94123.

Armenian Professional Society Scholarship
Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be California residents who are full-time students of Armenian descent and who are enrolled at accredited colleges and universities. Applicants must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.2.
Selection Criteria: Awards are granted on the basis of financial need and academic record.
Funds Available: $1,000. Renewable.
Application Procedure: Applicants must interview. Write for further details.
Application Deadline: March.
Contact: Annette Kazangian, Armenian Professional Society, 1535 Virginia Ave, Glendale, CA 91202.

Armenian Relief Society Eremian Scholarship
Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be of Armenian descent and have already successfully completed the first year of an accredited college; must prove need based on financial situation; and express agreement to active involvement in the Armenian Community.
Selection Criteria: Awards are granted on the basis of financial need, academic merit, and involvement in the Armenian Community.
Funds Available: Varies. Depends on students' financial conditions.
Application Procedure: Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation, academic transcripts and tax returns. Write for further details.
Application Deadline: Applications will be available in January and should be returned no later than April 1. Interested students, based on country of residence, must apply to their regional ARS office, and not to the ARS Inc. Central Office.
Contact: Mrs. Vartuhie Chiloyan, Armenian Relief Society, 80 Bigelow Ave., Hairenik Bldg., 2nd Fl., Watertown, MA 02472.

Armenian Students Association of America, Inc. Grant
Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Grants are available to full-time students of Armenian descent at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Applicants must have completed at least one year at an accredited four-year college or university in the United States.
Selection Criteria: Grants are awarded on the basis of financial need, high academic achievement, character, self-assistance, and extracurricular activities.
Funds Available: $500-1500. Students may reapply each year.
Application Procedure: Write for further details.

Application Deadline: January 15th for requesting application (a $15 application fee must also be submitted). March 14 for filing application.
Contact: Armenian Students Association of America, 395 Concord Ave, Belmont, MA 02178.

Ayvazian Fund-Mt. Holyoke College

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be women of Armenian descent. Women from Armenia are eligible as well.
Funds Available: Varies annually.
Number of Awards Offered: Depends on number of applicants.
Application Procedure: When applying for admittance to the school, there will be a section on the application form where applicants will indicate they are of Armenian descent and wish to be considered for the Ayvazian Fund. A similar section is found on the Financial Aid application as well. Write for more details.
Application Deadline: Same as application deadline for admissions. Early Decision 1- November 15; Early Decision 2- January 1; Regular Decision- January 15.
Contact: Office of the Vice President for Enrollment & College Relations, Mt. Holyoke College, 50 College Street- 106 Mary Lyon Hall, South Hadley, MA 01075-1495.

Hagop Bogigian Scholarship Fund- Mt. Holyoke College

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Students of Armenian descent who are enrolled in a four-year Bachelor of Arts degree program at Mt. Holyoke College are eligible. Applicants must maintain over a 3.0 GPA.
Selection Criteria: Awards are granted on the basis of academic achievement and financial need.
Funds Available: Amount depends on need. Scholarship is renewable.
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.
Application Deadline: March 1 for September enrollment.
Contact: Rosanne Meczywor, Mt. Holyoke College, Financial Assistance, 50 College St., S. Hadley, MA 01075.

Constantinople Armenian Relief Society (CARS) Scholarship

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Armenian students enrolled in an accredited college or university, starting with sophomore year are eligible. Students from Armenia are eligible as long as they are attending college in the United States.
Selection Criteria: Excellence in academic achievements, financial need, and involvement and interest in Armenian activities and affairs will be considered. Scholarships are granted to undergraduates only.
Funds Available: $400-600 per award. Awards are renewable for 2 consecutive years only.

Number of Awards Offered: 10-20.
Application Procedure: Write for further details.
Application Deadline: Written request for application forms must be received before July 15. Students are required to complete and return the applications between July 15 and August 30.
Contact: Berc Araz, Constantinople Armenian Relief Society, 66 Stephenville Pkwy., Edison, NJ 08820.

Garikian University Scholarship Fund

Area(s) of study: Applicants must be pursuing a degree in one of the following areas: Armenian studies/literature, sociology, psychology, political science, Middle Eastern history, journalism, education (teaching or counseling), or music.
Application qualifications: Students who have successfully completed their first academic year at one of the Universities of the State of California are eligible.
Selection Criteria: Awards are granted on the basis of academic merit, financial need and community involvement.
Funds Available: $750 - $1,000.
Duration: One year.
Application Procedure: Write for further details.
Application Deadline: Applicants must apply to the Executive Board for application forms and return them completed no later than August 31.
Contact: Berj S. Baghdoyan, Garikian University Scholarship Fund, c/o Western Prelacy, 4401 Russell Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027.

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Scholarship

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be Armenian students who are sophomore or above and enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university.
Selection Criteria: Awards are granted on the basis of academic merit and financial need. Preference will be given to those candidates whose immediate family has not previously received a scholarship.
Funds Available: Amounts vary according to the country and the candidate's personal situation. A limited number of grants are also available for graduate students.
Duration: Renewable for up to three years of study.
Application Procedure: Write for further details.
Application Deadline: Requests for application forms and a copy of the regulations will be accepted between February 1 and April 15.
Remarks: No grants can be awarded for night courses, part-time, or non-academic studies. The Foundation does not encourage studies to be pursued at universities outside of the applicant’s country of residence. No more than two members of the same family can benefit from the Foundation's scholarship simultaneously.
Contact: Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Dept. of Armenian Communities, Avenida de Berna 45-A, P-1067 Lisboa Codes, Portugal.

Hai Guin Scholarship Association

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Students of Armenian descent residing and attending school in Massachusetts are eligible. Applicants must also have completed one full year of his/her freshman year.
Selection Criteria: Awards are based on scholastic achievement and financial need.
Funds Available: $2,000
Application Procedure: Write for further details.
Application Deadline: October 25.
Contact: Hai Guin Scholarship Association, Scholarship Chairman, PO Box 509, Belmont, MA 02178.

Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation Presidential Scholarship-Villanova University

Area(s) of study: Politics, government, international affairs.
Application qualifications: Students of Armenian ethnic origin who demonstrate financial need and outstanding academic achievements. Consideration is given to all students of Armenian descent and Armenian citizens who apply and meet Villanova University's general admissions requirements. Winners must maintain a 2.75 GPA each semester.
Selection Criteria: Selection is based on financial need.
Funds Available: Full tuition is provided.
Duration: 4 academic years.
Application Procedure: Write for further details.
Application Deadline: Incoming Freshmen must apply by March 8. All other students must apply by April 22.
Contact: Marykay McCaughan, Villanova University, Office of Student Financial Assistance, 800 Lancaster Ave., Villanova, PA 19085-1685. E-mail: finaid@villanova.edu

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Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation Scholarship-Georgian Court College

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Full-time student enrolled at the women's Georgian Court College, preferably of Armenian descent.
Selection Criteria: Selection is based on financial need.
Funds Available: Full tuition is provided. Renewable based on academic record.
Contact: Susan Barschow, Georgian Court College, Financial Aid Office, 900 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood, NJ 08701.

Knights of Vartan, Fresno Lodge 9 Scholarship-California State University, Fresno

Area(s) of study: General studies.

Application qualifications: Applicants must be of full-time students of Armenian descent who have grade point averages of at least 3.0.

Funds Available: $750 per award is given annually. Recipients must enroll in at least one class for grade or credit in Armenian studies, Armenian language or Armenian history.

Application Procedure: Write for further details.

Application Deadline: November 30.

Contact: Ms. Linda Y. Tamura, Scholarship Coordinator, California State University, Fresno, Scholarship Office, M/S JA64, 5150 N. Maple Ave., Joyal 274, Fresno, CA 93740-8026, Email: linda_tamura@csufresno.edu, Website: http://www.studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/financial_aid/.

National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Inc. Fund Award

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: There is no fixed amount awarded, but grants and fellowships may be renewable. Grants may be given for travel, cost of microfilms or other research materials, and for similar expenses. Stipends for living expenses are excluded. Only restricted grants as described are given.

Duration: 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: Applications and inquiries must be submitted 3-6 months before grant request date.

Contact: National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Inc., Board of Directors, 395 Concord Ave., Belmont, MA 02178, Email: hq@nassr.org; Web site: http://www.naasr.org.

Union of Hadjin Fund-California State University, Fresno

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be Armenian full-time students who have at least one parent who is "Hadjintsi", and who are matriculated in accredited California colleges or universities, carrying 12 or more semester quarter units and engaged in courses of study with the objective of obtaining degrees.
Funds Available: $500.
Duration: Annual.
Application Procedure: Write for further details.
Application Deadline: November 30.
Contact: Ms. Linda Y. Tamura, Scholarship Coordinator, California State University, Fresno, Scholarship Office, M/S JA64, 5150 N. Maple Ave., Joyal 274, Fresno, CA 93740-8026, Email: linda_tamura@csufresno.edu, Website: http://www.studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/financial_aid/.

Union of Marash Fund

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Matriculated, full-time undergraduate or graduate students accepted at an accredited institution of higher education are eligible. Applicants must also be descendants of a Marashtsi (a part of Armenia/Asia Minor). Applicants do not have to be U.S. citizens.
Selection Criteria: Based on academic excellence, good moral character, financial need, and community involvement.
Funds Available: Award amount vary from $500-1000 from several available memorial funds. Students may receive a maximum of four annual awards through re-application. Re-application is simply a letter of request updating prior information and having up-to-date transcripts sent if study has been continuous and at the same school. Mo more than one member of the same family may be awarded a scholarship in a given year although more than one family member may apply.
Application Procedure: Write for further details.
Application Deadline: All requested documents must be postmarked by July 31. Decision notification is by the end of the year. Application forms and informational material may be requested during the period January 1-June 30. Inclusion of a stamped, self-addressed envelope is helpful for a prompt reply to requests.
Contact: Mrs. Siroon P. Shahinian, Ph.D., Union of Marash Armenians, Student Fund, 1 Sussex Rd., Great Neck, NJ 11020-1828.

Harry and Angel Zerigian Scholarship-Bentley College

Area(s) of study: Accounting.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be full-time students enrolled at Bentley College. Must be day-division sophomores majoring in accounting who have satisfactorily completed all course work through the fall of sophomore year.
Selection Criteria: Awards are granted on the basis of financial need and academic achievement. Preference given to students from Haverhill, Lawrence, Waltham or Watertown Massachusetts high schools.
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 cannot apply directly for this scholarship. When a student applies for financial aid, the college's financial aid office will apply the Zerigian scholarship to their total aid package.
Contact: Christy Tarantino or Jennifer Bethke, Bentley College, Financial Aid Office, 175 Forest St., Waltham, MA 02452-4705.

Charles K. Pategian and Pansy Pategian Zlokovich Scholarships-California State University, Fresno

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be of Armenian descent and interested in Armenian culture.
Selection Criteria: Students are selected based on scholarly achievement in Armenian Studies Programs.
Funds Available: Awarded annually. Amount varies.
Application Procedure: Write for further details.
Application Deadline: February 1.
Contact: Ms. Linda Y. Tamura, Scholarship Coordinator, California State University, Fresno, Scholarship Office, M/S JA64, 5150 N. Maple Ave., Joyal 274, Fresno, CA 93740-8026, Email: linda_tamura@csufresno.edu, Website: http://www.studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/financial_aid/.

Armen H. Bulbulian Scholarship

Application qualifications: Graduating high school and enrolled full-time undergraduate students in an accredited college or university are eligible. Applicants must be residents on Monmouth or Ocean Counties in New Jersey.
Selection Criteria: Includes scholastic achievement and involvement in community services. Family financial status is not considered.
Funds Available: $1000.
Application Deadline: June 30
Contact: Armen H. Bulbulian Scholarship c/o: Harout Karakashian, Armenian Cultural School Association, 1184 Ocean Ave., Elberon, NJ 07740.

Richard R. Tufenkian Memorial Scholarships

Area(s) of study: General Studies.
Application qualifications: Students of Armenian descent demonstrating financial need are eligible. Applicants must provide service to the community by involvement in Armenian organizations and/or activities and be full-time students in their junior or senior year of undergraduate studies at an accredited California college or university and hold a minimum GPA of 3.0. Students must also reside in California and be U.S. citizens.
Funds Available: $2000 each.
Number of Awards Offered: 6.
Application Procedure: Write for details.
Application Deadline: April 15.
Contact: Mrs. Alice Avanessian, Armenian Educational Foundation, 600 W. Broadway, Ste. 130, Glendale, CA 91204.

Hurad Van Der Bedrosian Memorial Scholarship

Application qualifications: Applicants must be graduate students in Armenian studies at universities with an established Chair in Armenian studies. Applicants must also be U.S. citizens.
Funds Available: $3000 each.
Number of Awards Offered: 2.
Application Procedure: Application form, transcript, curriculum vitae, and letter from the Chair Holder must be submitted.
Application Deadline: April 15.
Contact: Mrs. Alice Avanessian, Armenian Educational Foundation, 600 W. Broadway, Ste. 130, Glendale, CA 91204.

Sophia Hagopian Memorial Scholarship

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Students of Armenian descent demonstrating financial need are eligible. Applicants must provide service to the community by involvement in Armenian organizations and/or activities and be full-time students in their junior or senior year of undergraduate studies at an accredited California college or university and hold a minimum GPA of 3.0. Students must also reside in California and be U.S. citizens.
Funds Available: Varies.
Application Procedure: Write for details.
Application Deadline: April 15.
Contact: Mrs. Alice Avanessian, Armenian Educational Foundation, 600 W. Broadway, Ste. 130, Glendale, CA 91204.

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.
Funds Available: $2000 annually.
Application Deadline: Write for details.
Contact: Mrs. Alice Avanessian, Armenian Educational Foundation, 600 W. Broadway, Ste. 130, Glendale, CA 91204.

California State University, Fresno Scholarship

Application qualifications: Applicants must be new or continuing full-time students (12 units per semester) at Fresno State with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
Selection Criteria: Based on involvement in school, university, or community activities.
Funds Available: $100-4000 depending on students major.
Application Deadline: All applications for financial aid must be received by November 30. A general application for all scholarships can be accessed and completed online.
Contact: Ms. Linda Y. Tamura, Scholarship Coordinator, California State University, Fresno, Scholarship Office, M/S JA64, 5150 N. Maple Ave., Joyal 274, Fresno, CA 93740-8026, Email: linda_tamura@csufresno.edu, Website: http://www.studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/financial_aid/.

Nerces & Ruth Azadian Memorial Scholarship-California State University, Fresno

Application qualifications: Applicants must be students of Armenian descent.
Selection Criteria: Selection is based on the demonstration of financial need.
Funds Available: $500.
Contact: Ms. Linda Y. Tamura, Scholarship Coordinator, California State University, Fresno, Scholarship Office, M/S JA64, 5150 N. Maple Ave., Joyal 274, Fresno, CA 93740-8026, Email: linda_tamura@csufresno.edu, Website: http://www.studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/financial_aid/.

M. Victoria Kazan Scholarship-California State University, Fresno

Area(s) of study: Armenian History.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be enrolled in at least one course (minimum 3 credits) taught by Henry S. Khanzadian Kazan, professor in Modern Armenian and Immigration History.
Selection Criteria: Students are selected based on scholarly achievement in the Armenian studies program.
Contact: Ms. Linda Y. Tamura, Scholarship Coordinator, California State University, Fresno, Scholarship Office, M/S JA64, 5150 N. Maple Ave., Joyal 274, Fresno, CA 93740-8026, Email: linda_tamura@csufresno.edu, Website: http://www.studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/financial_aid/.

Yervant, Rose & Hovannes Levonian Educational Grants-California State University, Fresno

Application qualifications: Applicants must be students of Armenian descent.
Selection Criteria: Selection is based on financial need.
Application Procedure: Inquire for application details.
Contact: Ms. Linda Y. Tamura, Scholarship Coordinator, California State University, Fresno, Scholarship Office, M/S JA64, 5150 N. Maple Ave., Joyal 274, Fresno, CA 93740-8026, Email: linda_tamura@csufresno.edu, Website: http://www.studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/financial_aid/.

Koren & Alice Odian Kasparian Scholarship-California State University, Fresno

Area(s) of study: Armenian Studies.
Application qualifications: Selected students are eligible.
Selection Criteria: Selection is based on scholarly achievement in Armenian Studies Program.
Contact: Ms. Linda Y. Tamura, Scholarship Coordinator, California State University, Fresno, Scholarship Office, M/S JA64, 5150 N. Maple Ave., Joyal 274, Fresno, CA 93740-8026, Email: linda_tamura@csufresno.edu, Website: http://www.studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/financial_aid/.

Pete P. Peters Armenian Study-California State University, Fresno

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Selection Criteria: Selection is based on the demonstration of interest in Armenian Studies program.
Funds Available: Awarded annually.
Application Procedure: Write for details.
Contact: Ms. Linda Y. Tamura, Scholarship Coordinator, California State University, Fresno, Scholarship Office, M/S JA64, 5150 N. Maple Ave., Joyal 274, Fresno, CA 93740-8026, Email: linda_tamura@csufresno.edu, Website: http://www.studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/financial_aid/.

Harry & Mary Topozian Armenian Students Merit Scholarship-California State University, Fresno

Area(s) of study: Armenian studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be working toward a minor or major in Armenian studies.
Selection Criteria: Recipients must have demonstrated outstanding achievement in overall academics, leadership, and community service.
Application Procedure: Write for details.
Contact: Ms. Linda Y. Tamura, Scholarship Coordinator, California State University, Fresno, Scholarship Office, M/S JA64, 5150 N. Maple Ave., Joyal 274, Fresno, CA 93740-8026, Email: linda_tamura@csufresno.edu, Website: http://www.studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/financial_aid/.

Armenian International Women's Association - Agnes Missirian Scholarship Award

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be full-time female students (undergraduate or graduate) of Armenian descent attending an accredited college or university.
Selection Criteria: Selection is based on financial need and merit.
Funds Available: $2000.
Number of Awards Offered: 1.
Application Deadline: March 20.
Contact: Scholarship Committee, Armenian International Women's Association (AIWA), 65 Main St., No. 3A, Watertown, MA 02472, Email: AIWAMerg@aol.com, Link to online application: http://www.aiwa-net.org/scholarshp.html.

Hagop Bogigian Fund-Wilson College

Application qualifications: Full-time students enrolled at Wilson College are eligible. Preference is given to Armenian women. Students are required to show financial need and must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher.
Funds Available: Loans are given at a five percent interest. Loan amounts vary from year to year. A typical loan is for $1500 per year.
Application Deadline: March 1.
Contact: Crystal Filer-Odgen, Wilson College, Financial Aid Office, 1015 Philadelphia Ave., Chambersburg, PA, 17201.

Organization of Istanbul Armenians Scholarship

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be full-time undergraduate or graduate students of Armenian descent studying at an accredited four-year college or university. They must also have demonstrated academic excellence.
Selection Criteria: Special consideration will be given to applicants with involvement in the Armenian community.
Number of Awards Offered: A limited number of scholarships are given annually.
Application Deadline: November 5.
Contact: Organization of Istanbul Armenians, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 55153, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413, email: oia_scholarships@yahoo.com, Downloadable application available at: http://www.oia.net/Scholarship/.

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.
Selection Criteria: Selection is based on financial need, merit, and involvement in the Armenian community.
Funds Available: $500-300.

Number of Awards Offered: Several awards may be granted.
Application Procedure: A completed application form and two letters of reference must be submitted.
Application Deadline: May 1.
Remarks: Deadline may be extended. Write for additional details.
Contact: Mr. John M. Azarian, Jr., c/o Azarian Management & Development Co., 6 Prospect St., Ste. 1B, Midland Park, NJ 07432, Email: AzarianGrp@aol.com.

Rev. & Mrs. A.K. Jizmejian Educational Fund

Area(s) of study: Theology.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be full-time seminary students and fourth-year undergraduate students who intend to continue their education in a theological seminary.
Selection Criteria: Based on financial need, academic accomplishments, future leadership potential, and good character references.
Funds Available: $500-1500 depending on number of applicants. The scholarship is renewable, and must be applied toward tuition fees only.
Application Procedure: Proof of enrollment at a seminary or university must be submitted.
Application Deadline: June 30. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision in August.
Contact: Mr. Nihran Jizmejian, Rev. & Mrs. A.K. Jizmejian Educational Fund, Armenian Evangelical Church, 816-60 Pavane Linkway, Don Mills, Ontario, M3C 1A2, CANADA.

Budakian Endowment Scholarship Fund-Rider University

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be full-time, undergraduate, matriculated, and enrolled students attending Rider University. At least one grandparent must be Armenian.
Selection Criteria: Preference is given to students of Armenian ancestry. Armenian students are exempt from demonstrating financial need. If in one year, more than one Armenian student applies, financial need, artistic interest, and participation of the applicants will be considered.
Funds Available: Varies. Can be up to $4000.
Contact: Mr. Jack Williams, Rider University, Financial Services, 2083 Lawrenceville Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-3099.

Hazaros Tabakoglu Scholarship Fund

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.
Selection Criteria: Selection is based on financial need, academic ability, and commitment to the Armenian community and culture.

Funds Available: $1000-5000. Renewable up to four years. Offered every spring.
Application Deadline: April 15.
Contact: Hazaros Tabakoglu Scholarship Fund, c/o:Janet Hollander, New York Community Trust, 2 Park Ave., New York, NY 10016.

Mr. William E. Doctor Scholarship

Purpose: It was the wish of Mr. Doctor in his last will and testament to establish the W.E.D. Educational Fund to assist Armenian-American students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, vocational, and/or special training.
Application qualifications: As per his wishes, applicants must be United States citizens of Armenian ancestry, show need for financial assistance, and pursue studies or training in the United States or Canada.
Funds Available: Up to $5000.
Duration: The scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis for an entire academic year.
Application Procedure: Applications can be downloaded at http://www.WEDFund.org.
Application Deadline: Subject to change annually.
Contact: Hasmik Harutyunyan, W.E.D. Educational Fund, St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church, PO Box 39224, Washington, DC 20016.

U.C. Berkeley Armenian Alumni Scholarship

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be full-time students at UC Berkeley, (including new, continuing, graduate, or undergraduate), of Armenian descent, and maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA.
Funds Available: $1000.
Number of Awards Offered: 1.
Application Deadline: May 31.
Contact: Chaghig Minassian Walker, 1271 15th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122, Email: minassianwalker@yahoo.com.

Mangasar M. Mangasarian Scholarship Fund- UC Berkeley

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be full-time students of Armenian parentage attending the University of California, Berkeley. International students of Armenian descent are also eligible.
Funds Available: $500-3000.
Contact: Judith Frank, University of California, Berkeley, 210 Sproul Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720.

Aram Torossian Memorial Scholarship-UC Berkeley

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be full-time students of Armenian parentage attending the University of California, Berkeley. Students do not have to be United States citizens.
Funds Available: $300-3000.
Contact: Judith Frank, University of California, Berkeley, 210 Sproul Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720.

Karekin DerAvedisian Memorial Endowment Fund-UCLA

Area(s) of study: Armenian studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be graduate students in Armenian Studies who have been accepted for admission to University of California, Los Angeles.
Funds Available: Up to $1000.
Application Deadline: December 15.
Contact: Graduate Students: UCLA Graduate Division, Special Fellowship Office, 1252 Murphy Hall, Box 951419, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1419.

Kaspar and Siroon Hovannisian Memorial Fellowship-UCLA

Area(s) of study: Armenian studies, Armenian history.
Application qualifications: Graduate students who have been accepted for admission to UCLA are eligible. No restriction is based on citizenship.
Funds Available: Up to $8000.
Application Deadline: December 15.
Contact: Graduate Students UCLA Graduate Division, Special Fellowship Office, 1252 Murphy Hall, Box 951419, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1419.

Mangasar M. Mangassarian Scholarship-UCLA

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Students of Armenian parentage who are full-time undergraduate or graduate students at UCLA and those accepted for admission are eligible. Armenian citizens are not eligible.
Funds Available: $500-3000 for undergraduate students; up to $9000 for graduate students.
Application Deadline: January for undergraduate students; December 15 for graduate students.

Remarks: Armenian citizens are not eligible.
Contact: Graduate Students: UCLA Graduate Division, Special Fellowship Office, 1252 Murphy Hall, Box 951419, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1419. Undergraduate Students: UCLA Financial Aid Office, Scholarship Section, 405 Hillgard Ave, A-129 Murphy Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1435.

George & Isabelle Elanjian Scholarship-University of Michigan-Dearborn

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be incoming freshmen or students enrolled for at least one year at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. No restrictions based on citizenship.
Funds Available: $700 for tuition to one incoming freshman; $2000 for one continuing upper-class student.
Application Procedure: Incoming students should apply to the UM-D admissions office. Upperclassmen should apply to the UM-D financial aid office.
Application Deadline: February 1.

Kalpakian Scholarship-University of Southern California

Area(s) of study: Arts and sciences.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be United States citizens of Armenian descent and undergraduate students who are enrolled in the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences at the University of Southern California.
Funds Available: $1500 awarded annually. Scholarship is renewable.
Application Procedure: Two letters of recommendation, a statement on why he/she should receive the scholarship, and information on career goals must be submitted.
Application Deadline: Mid-March.
Contact: Jonathan Burdick, University of Southern California, Office of College Admissions, 3454 Trousdale Pkwy, Los Angeles, CA 90089.

Thornton School of Music Scholarship-University of Southern California

Area(s) of study: Music.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be undergraduate or graduate music majors. No citizenship restrictions apply.
Selection Criteria: Selection is based on merit.
Application Deadline: Same as admission deadlines. See http://www.usc.edu/music for applicable dates, admission and audition information.
Contact: Christopher Sampson, University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music, 817 W. 34th St., UUC 218, Los Angeles, CA 90089. Email: uscmusic@usc.edu, Website: http://www.usc.edu/music.

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. Applicants must also be U.S citizens or eligible permanent residents.
Selection Criteria: Based on financial need.
Funds Available: Amount of award is based on the amount of financial need proven.
Application Procedure: Students should apply for financial aid from the university and indicate on their form that they are of Armenian descent.
Application Deadline: March 1 for newly entering students. March 31 for returning undergraduate and graduate students.
Contact: Yvonne Hubbard, University of Virginia, Office of Financial Aid to Students.

Michael M. Assarian Scholarship-Wayne State University

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Full-time students of Armenian descent attending Wayne State University are eligible.
Selection Criteria: Selection is based on scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities, and financial need.
Funds Available: Varies.
Application Procedure: A completed application form for private scholarship, current academic transcript, FAFSA, and two letters of recommendation must be submitted to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.
Application Deadline: April 29.
Contact: Wayne State University, Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, HNJ-SSC, 3 W., Detroit, MI 48202.

Knights of Vartan-Etchmiadzin Lodge

Area(s) of study: General studies.
Application qualifications: Applicants must be Armenian students who are currently enrolled at an accredited college or university in pursuit of an undergraduate or graduate degree. The applicants must have completed at least one semester of college work and be a resident of Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties. Residents who are attending schools outside of the area may also apply.
Funds Available: $1000.
Number of Awards Offered: 1. Smaller grants to Armenian students are also available. Applicants are additionally eligible for a second $1000 scholarship award if they are sons or daughters of a member of the Knights of Vartan in good standing.
Application Deadline: May 18.
Contact: Edward Barsamian, Scholarship Committee Chair, Knights of Vartan-Etchmiadzin Lodge, 36 E. 31st St., 9th Fl., New York, NY 10016, Email: Barsamrug@yahoo.com or Mr Garo Sekdorian, 249-85 Beechknoll, Little Neck, NY 11362.

Armenian Assembly Summer Internship Program

The Armenian Assembly of America Summer Internship Program gives college students of Armenian descent an opportunity to live and work in Washington, D.C. for eight weeks each summer. At the same time, interns gain exposure to the policy-making process in our nation's capital. Since 1977, the Assembly has placed nearly 750 interns in the offices of prominent Senators and Representatives, the Department of Commerce, the World Bank, the Federal Reserve Board, C-SPAN, the Center for Strategic and International Studies and many other government agencies, think tanks and advocacy groups.

There are four major components to the program:

Internship: This is the work that an intern does at his/her place of employment. Most internships involve a standard eight-hour work day. The internships are unpaid, and interns are given responsibilities on the basis of their educational background and performance on the job. Some of the more successful interns have received job offers from their respective offices.

Capitol Ideas: This program provides the interns with the opportunity to meet with Senators and Representatives. The objective is to give interns a forum to ask questions to our elected officials about topics that are important to the Armenian-American community and about events taking place in the U.S. and around the world. Capitol Ideas takes place during the working day, and employers are notified ahead of time of the meeting schedule. These meetings are mandatory for all participants.

Lecture Series: The Lecture Series focuses specifically on issues of importance to the Armenian-American community. It is designed to inform and encourage debate among the interns about the structure of the Armenian community, U.S. foreign policy toward Armenia and Karabagh, as well as to hear what experts have to say about the South Caucasus. These lectures are mandatory for all participants.

Social Activities: The Washington area is fascinating, and social activities are planned for interns to experience the nation's capital. Interns celebrate the Fourth of July on the Mall and are often hosted by local trustee families for summer picnics. In addition to the activities organized by the Internship Program, Washington offers a summer-long series of festivals, open-air concerts, cultural activities and museum exhibits that provide an exciting variety of choices for the program participants to enjoy while in Washington. Social activities are organized so that participants of the program have the opportunity to interact with one another outside of the work week. However, these social gatherings are not a mandatory part of the program.

Participants are chosen on the basis of their educational credentials, writing ability, maturity and a demonstrated interest in community and public service. A limited number of scholarships are available which cover the cost of housing at Georgetown University, where the interns reside. Applicants should be aware that this is a highly competitive program, which organizes an extensive list of evening lectures and Capitol Ideas meetings throughout the summer. Attendance at these events is mandatory. Thus, potential applicants should possess a high commitment level. **The deadline to apply is January 15**.

Armenian Assembly of America

The Armenian Assembly of America, operating through its government affairs, public affairs, research and information and grassroots programs, encourages involvement in the democratic process, and promotes public understanding and awareness of Armenian issues. It also sponsors Armenian-American youth for professional internships in Washington, and assists in development and humanitarian aid programs in the Republic of Armenia. The Assembly believes in the universal doctrine of human and civil rights and defends the individual and collective rights of Armenians, encourages academic research, and seeks grants for projects. The Armenian Assembly of America is a nationwide non-profit organization established in 1972 and headquartered in Washington, DC.

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