

THE SYRIAN AMERICAN CLUB INC.

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THE 2020-2021 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This is the 25th year for the Syrian American Club Scholarship Program and qualified students in our community are invited to apply to the program for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Students who are graduating from high school this year and plan to attend college are encouraged to apply. Students who are undergraduates in a four-year college program may also apply if they are in their junior year or below.

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded to those with the highest qualifications and/or greatest need, as determined from the following:

- **New applicants who are 2020 high school graduates:** Each applicant must submit official transcripts and records showing his or her grade point average (GPA), rank in class and SAT scores. Applicant must also submit a copy of college acceptance letter.
- **New applicants who are attending an accredited four-year college program:** The applicant must submit official transcripts and records demonstrating full time enrollment and showing his or her most recent GPA and cumulative GPA.
- **All new applicants** must submit with the application an essay, two to three typed pages, about “what role should young adults play in the fight against racism”. The applicant must be the sole writer of essay and must sign and date as such.
- **For new applicants that wish to include “financial need” as a factor in the selection:** Applicant may show financial need by either submitting a copy of a completed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form or by submitting a detailed letter of explanation of the applicant’s financial need situation. **(Note that this is an optional requirement and need not be submitted by those who want to rely solely on their qualifications.)**
- **Application submittal deadline:** The completed application, essay, official transcripts and records must be received at the above address of the Syrian American Club by no later than **August 24, 2020.**

Scholarships are in the amount of **\$1,000.00 per semester**. They are not renewed automatically but are awarded on a semester by semester basis. In order to qualify for continued participation in the scholarship program, each continuing applicant must maintain a minimum grade point average of “B” and must submit official transcripts and records demonstrating full time enrollment and showing most recent GPA and cumulative GPA. Furthermore, scholarship recipients are expected to complete 24 hours of community volunteer service during the academic year, preferably with the Syrian American Club. (Volunteer hours elsewhere will be accepted if volunteering with the club is impractical.) Proof of volunteer hours will be required for a continuing scholarship at the beginning of each academic year.

The application form is attached. Scholarships will be awarded by the end of September 2020 and scholarship recipients will be officially recognized in the club’s annual Scholarship Gala.