

Scholarship Fund

By funding a scholarship in your name or the name of someone you love and admire, you not only honor them, but help the young men and women of Lebanese & Syrian descent in the Greater Cleveland community. Establishing a scholarship with the help of the Scholarship Committee is easy. Here are answers to questions you might have about scholarship donations but were afraid to ask.

1. What is a scholarship?

A grant of financial aid awarded to a student, as for the purpose of attending a college.

2. Who can apply for a scholarship?

Any high school or undergrad college student of Lebanese-Syrian descent residing in the Greater Cleveland area as defined by League bylaws may apply. Some scholarships are given only to senior high school students while others are earmarked for undergraduate college students. Most of our scholarships require a minimum GPA of 3.00.

3. How long do I have to commit to fund a scholarship?

You may structure your giving however you see fit. Some people choose to fund a one-time scholarship in memory or honor of a family member or special occasion. Others sustain an ongoing yearly scholarship, with the comfort of knowing that they will be *contacted each and every year* to confirm their desire to continue/discontinue the scholarship. Still others have chosen to make a one-time donation to be distributed over several years as separate scholarships. By working with the Scholarship Committee, you can be sure your wishes are carried out.

4. Can a donation be made through my business?

Scholarships need not be a personal donation. It most certainly can be underwritten by a business.

5. Do you have to be Lebanese or Syrian to donate to the scholarship fund?

No, you do not, so ask your friends if they might be interested.

6. How much of a donation do I have to make?

While the Scholarship Committee welcomes any denomination of donations for its general scholarship fund, in order to fund a separate scholarship, a minimum donation of \$500 is necessary. You can, of course, choose to fund a scholarship in any amount over \$500.

7. Is it tax deductible?

In most cases, yes; but speak to your tax advisor for specifics.

8. How are recipients selected?

Applications from student who meet the application criteria and provide all necessary supporting documents are sent to credentialed, independent judges for determination of awards.

9. Who are the judges?

All judges are members of the local college community -- counselors,

professors or administrators -- and are independent of League members.

10. How much control over the scholarship do I have?

You may set certain criteria for the scholarship concerning the minimum GPA of the student, and whether you wish the scholarship to be based on academic success or need, or be available only to a student involved in a certain course of study. What you can NOT do is pre-select a student to receive the scholarship you are funding. Those decisions are made by the independent judges.

11. How do I find out more about funding a scholarship?

To find out more about funding a scholarship, or to begin the process of establishing a scholarship, contact Scholarship Chairwoman, Karen (Haddad) Ziton at 440.390.0441; e-mail at LSAJLScholarship@gmail.com

12. How does my child apply for a scholarship?

High school seniors may obtain an application through their guidance counselor after January 31st. Undergrad college students may request an application after January 31st from the Scholarship Chair listed above.