

# The Arisdine Krikorian Scholarship 2026 - 2027 Guidelines

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## ABOUT

The Krikorian family was deeply proud of their Armenian heritage and devoted to many Armenian organizations in Watertown and Belmont, Massachusetts. They were keenly interested in the educational advancement of Armenian children. That interest led to the creation of this scholarship program.

Arisdine and Panos Krikorian were born and raised in Armenia. They emigrated to the United States, settled in Watertown and later moved to Belmont where they lived for many years. They had three children Harold, Rose and Sybil. Rose, the last survivor of the Krikorian family, died in 2021 at the age of 96. In 2022 this scholarship was created to have an impact on the Armenian community that was so important to the Krikorian family.

## THE AWARD

- One year scholarship of up to \$10,000 to cover tuition, fees and educational expenses at a four-year college or university or a post-graduate program of any length in the U.S.
- Scholarship amounts will be determined based on the financial aid and need of each student. Scholarships will be paid to the college/university the student attends.
- Scholarship recipients are invited to re-apply for the scholarship in subsequent years provided if they meet the eligibility requirements.

## ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants must either be high school seniors, undergraduate or graduate students whose permanent residence is in Massachusetts and who are either:

- 1.) of Armenian descent, or
- 2.) pursuing Armenian studies at the college/university level

<b>Residency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U.S. citizens or non-citizens eligible to apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) AND</li><li>• Permanent resident of Massachusetts.</li></ul>
<b>Armenian Focus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applicants must be of Armenian descent OR</li><li>• Applicants must be pursuing Armenian studies at the college/university level</li></ul>
<b>Financial</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial need will be taken into consideration in determining who receives the scholarship and its amount.</li></ul>
<b>Academic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enrolling as a full-time student in a four-year undergraduate college/university or graduate degree program of any length in 2026-27. The college/university must be a U.S. accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university.</li><li>• Strong academic record with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent)</li></ul>

Selection of scholarship recipients will be based on academic performance, demonstrated leadership, participation in school and community, work experience, essays, recommendation and potential scholarship impact.

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Complete applications are **due Wednesday, March 11, 2026, by 11:59 PM**. Only complete applications submitted online will be reviewed. The application can be accessed here:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=tpischolarship>

After creating an account and logging in, there will be an opportunity to enter an **Access Code** at the top of the page.

Please enter: **Armenian**

## HOW TO APPLY

1. **Review Eligibility:** Review these guidelines for eligibility requirements.
2. **Review Application:** A PDF of the application is available for download [here](#).
3. **Required Documents:** Instructions on how to submit required attachments are included in the online application (options include uploading electronic files, scanning and uploading, or using a fax-to-file feature).
4. **Recommendation:** Recommender must upload a letter of recommendation to the student's online application. Instructions are included in the application.
5. Please contact us at [krikorian@tpi.org](mailto:krikorian@tpi.org) with any questions.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following materials are required. Only complete applications submitted online will be considered.

1. **Application Submitted Online**
2. **Extracurricular Information or Resume**
3. **Letter of Recommendation** (from a teacher, guidance counselor, work supervisor, community leader, coach, or any other non-family member who knows the student well)
4. **Two Essays** (500 words each)
  - i. An essay responding to the following prompt:
    - o Please describe your academic and career ambitions and how receiving this scholarship would help you achieve your goals.
  - ii. An essay responding to **one** of the following prompts:
    - o Explain how your Armenian heritage has influenced your personal development and your choice of educational and community activities, **or**
    - o Explain your interest in majoring in Armenian studies and what you hope to do after completing your degree.
5. **High School Transcript** (for students applying to colleges or universities as first year students)
6. **Current College or Post-Graduate Transcript** (for students enrolled in college or a post-graduate program)
7. **FAFSA Submission Summary**
8. **Financial Aid Award Letter**

## TIMELINE

- Application deadline is **Wednesday, March 11, 2026** at midnight.
- Scholarship recipients and amounts will be announced in June.
- If awarded, scholarships will be sent directly to colleges by the end of July.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:** Please contact us at [krikorian@tpi.org](mailto:krikorian@tpi.org)