

The Arisdine Krikorian Scholarship 2026-2027

TPI Scholarship Site

Scholarship Description

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. Following Rose's death, this scholarship was created to have an impact on the Armenian community that was so important to the Krikorian family.

Thank you for your interest in The Arisdine Krikorian Scholarship. Please read these instructions **carefully** before filling out your application.

Complete applications are due **Wednesday, March 11, 2026 by 11:59 PM.**

Requirements

Qualifications: Applicants must

1. must either be a high school senior, undergraduate or graduate students who are either:
 - o of Armenian descent, **OR**
 - o pursuing Armenian studies at the college/university level
2. be a U.S. citizen or non-citizen eligible to apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) **AND** a permanent resident of Massachusetts.
3. 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.
4. financial need will be taken into consideration in determining who receives the scholarship and its amount.
5. have a strong high school academic record with a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent); involvement in community, school and work activities; and motivation to excel in college.

Application Materials:

- **Application Submitted Online**
- **Extracurricular Information or Resume**
- **Letter of Recommendation** (from a teacher, guidance counsellor, work supervisor, community leader, coach, or any other non-family member who knows the student well)
- **Two Essays—**
 - An essay responding to the following prompt:
 - ♣ please describe your academic and career ambitions and how receiving this scholarship would help you achieve your goals.

AND

- An essay responding to **ONE** of the following prompts:
 - ♣ Explain how your Armenian heritage has influenced your personal development and your choice of education and community activities.
 - ♣ Explain your interest in majoring in Armenian studies and what you hope to do after completing your degree.
- **High School Transcript** (for students applying to colleges or universities as first year students)
- **Current College or Post-Graduate School Transcript** (for students in college or already enrolled in a post-graduate program)
- **FAFSA Submission Summary** - the full document should be submitted.
- **Financial Aid Award Letter** - should include the grants, scholarships, work study, and loans being offered to you at the school you plan to attend.

Instructions

Completing your application

- To preview the application, click on the **Print Questions** button in the upper right-hand corner. You should do this prior to beginning the application to review the questions.
- Click the **Save as Draft** button at the bottom of the page to save your responses. To return to your application on a later date, log in and click on your application under your contact information. It will be marked Draft until you submit it.
- Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are required. You will not be able to submit your application until all required questions are answered.
- If you would like to save a copy of this application, click on **Application Packet** button at the top of the page.

- Recommender must upload a letter of recommendation to the student's online application.

Submitting your application:

- All attachments must be submitted in **.pdf, .doc, or .docx** format.
- You must submit your application for it to be considered. Once you submit your application, you will receive an email confirming its receipt. If you do not receive this email, then it has not been properly submitted and will not be reviewed. Log back into your account to submit, or email **krikorian@tpi.org**.
- To request a recommendation, enter the email address of your reference in the space provided, then click "Compose Email" to send them an email requesting a reference. They will receive an email from the system which will include a link for them to click on and answer questions.
- Your recommenders will continue to have access to submit their materials even after you click "submit." You do not need to wait for your recommendations to be complete in order to submit your application.

Important: Review your application before clicking "submit". Make sure all attachments are uploaded in **.pdf, .doc, or .docx** format, and your answers are complete and clear. Click on the "Application Packet" button to view your application in the form the reviewers will see it. **Applications that have blank, unreadable attachments, or don't load correctly will not be considered**. Please note that **.jpeg files are not able to be viewed**. It is important that you look over your application to make sure everything has been properly submitted.

If you have any questions or need help uploading forms to your application, please contact **krikorian@tpi.org**.

Student Information

Applicant Legal First and Last Name*

Please enter your name exactly as it appears on official documents.

Character Limit: 250

Preferred Name or Nickname

Character Limit: 100

Gender: How do you identify?***Choices**

Male
Female
Nonbinary
Other

Preferred Pronouns***Choices**

He/Him
She/Her
They/Them

Date of Birth*

E.g. 01/01/2005

Character Limit: 10

Student Demographic Information

Scholarship Category*

I consider myself eligible for this scholarship for the following reason:

Choices

I am a permanent Massachusetts resident of Armenian descent
I am a permanent Massachusetts resident studying Armenian studies at the college/university level

Race & Ethnicity*

Response to the question below is voluntary. We are collecting this information to help ensure that we are reaching a diverse applicant pool. This information will not be used in our scholarship decision-making process.

Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please check one of the following groups that best describes how you identify:

Choices

American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Hispanic or Latinx
Middle Eastern or North African
Multi-racial
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Other
White
Prefer Not to Answer

Armenian Heritage*

Please describe your Armenian heritage, including which family members emigrated from Armenia and when.

Character Limit: 250

Are you among the first-generation in your immediate family to complete a bachelor's degree?*

A first-generation college student is defined as a student whose parent(s) have not completed a bachelor's degree (this does not include your siblings).

Choices

Yes

No

High School Information

High School: Name*

Character Limit: 150

High School: Location*

City, State

Character Limit: 100

High School: Year of Graduation*

Character Limit: 4

High School GPA- Unweighted*

If school does not provide unweighted GPAs please enter "0." We will consider this a "N/A" response.

Character Limit: 20

High School GPA- Weighted*

If school does not provide weighted GPAs please enter "0." We will consider this a "N/A" response.

Character Limit: 20

GPA- Other

If your High School GPA is not calculated on a 4.0 scale, please indicate the scale used (*e.g. 4.5, 5.0, 100, etc.*).

Character Limit: 10

Financial Information

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)*

Please enter a number here. If the number is not available in your FAFSA Submission Summary, please reference your parents 1040.

Character Limit: 20

Student Aid Index (SAI)*

This number can be found on the FAFSA Submission Summary.

Character Limit: 20

Loan Burden*

If you are a current college student, have you taken out loans to help you pay for college?

Choices

Yes

No

Not Applicable

What is the total amount of loans you have taken out for college thus far?*

Do not include loans you plan to take out in the upcoming academic year

Character Limit: 20

Short Answer: Loans*

If you have not taken out any loans for college, please briefly explain how you've been able to cover costs?

Character Limit: 250

College Choice(s)

Applicants to the Arisdine Krikorian Scholarship must be planning to enroll in a full-time course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree at a four-year college or university in the U.S or pursuing Armenian studies at the college/university level.

Please list, in order of preference, the colleges you hope to attend in the fall of 2026.

First Choice College - Name*

Character Limit: 100

First Choice College - Location*

City, State

Character Limit: 100

First Choice College - Application Status*

Have you been accepted to your First Choice College?

Choices

Yes.

I am still waiting for a decision.

Second Choice College - Name

Character Limit: 100

Second Choice College - Location

City, State

Character Limit: 100

Second Choice - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Second Choice College?

Choices

Yes.

I am still waiting for a decision.

Third Choice College - Name

Character Limit: 100

Third Choice College - Location

City, State

Character Limit: 100

Third Choice - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Third Choice College?

Choices

Yes.

I am still waiting for a decision.

Fourth Choice College - Name

Character Limit: 100

Fourth Choice College - Location

City, State

Character Limit: 100

Fourth Choice College - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Fourth Choice College?

Choices

Yes.

I am still waiting for a decision.

Additional college choices

Please list school name, city, and application status. *E.g. Boston University, Boston, I am still waiting for a decision.*

Character Limit: 250

Anticipated Major/Field of Study*

What is your anticipated course of study in college? *E.g. Armenian studies, biology, finance, communications, etc.*

Character Limit: 50

College: Living Situation*

Choices

Live on campus

Live off campus

Live at home with parent(s)

Year in College in Fall 2026*

Choices

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Graduate school

Extracurricular Information

Please fill out the following information about your extracurricular, community/volunteer, and work experiences.

A sample entry could look like this:

Work

Sunshine Camp; summer camp counselor; June 25, 2020-August 31, 2020; 30 hours per week for 8 weeks; \$2,000.

Activities, Awards & Honors

Memorial High School Marching Band; trumpet player; grades 10, 11, 12; 4 hours per week for 3 months.

Community/Volunteer

Brookside Elementary School; first grade reading tutor; grades 11 & 12; 6 hours per week after

school for 4 months.

If you don't have anything to list in a particular section please write N/A.

If you would prefer, you may attach your resume below instead of filling out the individual fields.

Resume

You are welcome to include a copy of your resume instead of filling out the information below if you feel it provides a better representation of your experiences.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Work

Describe your work experience during the past four years (*e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work*). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week. List amounts earned at each job.

Character Limit: 3000

Activities, Awards & Honors

List all activities in which you have participated during high school (*e.g., student government, clubs, associations, sports, etc.*). Please list the most recent first. Note all special awards, honors and offices held.

Character Limit: 3000

Community Service/Volunteer Activities

List all community activities in which you have participated without pay in the past four years including name of organization, dates of participation and specific activities.

Character Limit: 3000

Attachments

Please attach the following **required attachments**.

Transcript: Transcripts must be received by the application deadline. Online transcripts may be uploaded to your application and must display the following information:

- student name
- school name
- grade received
- the term in which each course was taken

If your school does not provide transcripts to students, please upload a word document explaining that, and have your school email your transcript to Krikorian@tpi.org.

Transcript: Unofficial or Official?*

Which type of transcript are you attaching?

Choices

Official

Unofficial

School will email or mail transcript

Transcript*

Please attach a copy of your transcript.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Standardized Test Scores

In light of adjustments made by many higher education institutions, applicants for the current scholarship cycle have the **option** of submitting their ACT and/or SAT scores as a supplemental application component. Students who are unable to submit standardized test results, or who choose not to, will not be disadvantaged in our selection process.

SAT Score - Math (Range 200-800)

Character Limit: 6

SAT Score - Evidence - Based Reading and Writing (Range 200-800)

Character Limit: 6

SAT Score - Total (Range 400-1600)

Character Limit: 6

SAT Scores

Please attach a copy of your SAT score report.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

ACT Score - Comp

Character Limit: 4

ACT Score

Please attach a copy of your ACT score report.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

FAFSA Submission Summary*

Please attach a copy of your **FAFSA Submission Summary** in **.pdf** format. **We can not accept web pages, html, or jpeg documents.** *You can obtain a copy by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov and*

printing/saving your entire FAFSA Submission Summary.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Financial Aid Award Letter

Please attach a copy of your financial aid award letter from your top choice college or post-secondary program. If it is not available yet, you can upload your financial aid letter from your second-choice college/school/.

Your financial aid award letter should include the grants, scholarships, work study, and loans being offered to you at the school you plan to attend. The letter also typically includes information about the cost of attendance at the college. Your financial aid award letter is NOT your acceptance letter.

You must submit this document to be considered for the scholarship. You should wait to submit your application until it is received. If it has not been received by the time of the application deadline (March 11), please submit your application by uploading a document in this field. This document should explain why your financial aid letter is not yet available and when you expect to receive your financial aid letter. If you do not include your aid letter here you will need to send the award letter to the program via email to krikorian@tpi.org as soon as you receive it.

If you are already in college, you can upload a copy of last year's financial aid award letter if the current year's award letter is not available. You will need to email this year's financial aid letter to krikorian@tpi.org once it is available.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Essays

****Each essay should reflect your own personal experiences and viewpoints.****

Essay #1*

In 500 words or less, please describe your academic and career ambitions and how receiving this scholarship would help you to achieve your goals.

Character Limit: 3000

Essay #2*

Please select **ONE** of the prompts below to respond to in 500 words or less.

- Explain how your Armenian heritage has influenced your personal development and your choice of educational and community activities.

OR

- Explain your interest in majoring in Armenian studies and what you hope to do after completing your degree.

Character Limit: 1500

Certification

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Electronic Signature of Applicant*

Please type your full name.

Character Limit: 50

Today's Date*

Character Limit: 10

Electronic Signature of Parent/ Guardian

If the applicant is under the age of 18, please sign your full name.

Character Limit: 50

Today's Date*

Character Limit: 10

Once your application is submitted, you may view your application at any time by returning to your online account. However, you will not be able to make any changes.

Recommendation

Recommender's Email Address*

Please enter the email address of your recommender below, and click "Compose Email" to send them a personal email asking them to be a reference. *Do not put your own email address here.* Your recommender will receive an automated second email from this system that will include a link for them to click on and answer questions. Below are generic instructions for you to copy and paste into your email if you'd like to use them. If your recommender did not receive an email then first ask them to check their spam folder. If the email isn't there ask him or her to send the recommendation letter to Krikorian@tpi.org.

Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for me for the Arisdine Krikorian Scholarship. You'll receive another email from administrator@grantinterface.com which will include a link. This link will provide instructions on how to upload your recommendation to my application. The application is due by end of day on March 11, 2026.

Character Limit: 254

Please submit a recommendation from a professor, teacher, guidance counselor, or academic advisor who can comment on your academic and personal success and goals.

Attach Recommendation Letter here*

Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for an applicant to the Arisdine Krikorian Scholarship.

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 - o of Armenian descent**OR**
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Please include your name, position & relationship to student below, write a letter of recommendation, and upload it using the link below. As part of your letter, please answer the following questions:

- Please describe the student's ability and motivation to succeed in college.
- What are your impressions of the applicant as a person? How is he or she viewed by peers and/or teachers? How does the applicant interact with others? Please describe any special personal strengths or problems which we should be aware of. We are especially interested in your thoughts regarding citizenship, leadership, and general promise.

Please note the applicant will not be able to read the recommendation.

****Deadline for feedback is 03/11/2026****

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Recommender's Full Name*

Character Limit: 250

 **Recommender's position/title***

Character Limit: 250

 **How long have you known the applicant?***

Character Limit: 250

 **In what capacity do you know the applicant?***

Character Limit: 250