

**Varaz and Karina Shahmirian Annual Endowed Scholarship
in Armenian Studies**

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The *Varaz and Karina Shahmirian Annual Endowed Scholarship in Armenian Studies* awards at least one (1) \$1,000 scholarship annually to students (during their junior and senior years of study in the case of those majoring in Armenian). The annual scholarship amount will be determined by the Director of the Armenian Studies Program based on the endowment funds available for distribution each year. Once eligibility is determined through the scholarship application process, the qualified applications will be reviewed by an ad-hoc committee of professors from the Modern and Classical Languages and Literature Department. This ad-hoc committee will be convened by the Director of the Armenian Studies Program.

In order to apply for the scholarship all applicants must be/have

- Currently enrolled at CSUN,
- A full-time CSUN undergraduate student,
- Declared Armenian Studies as a Major (Languages & Cultures Major/Armenian Option) or a Minor,
- Already completed, or in the process of completing at the time of application, a minimum of 2 (two) Armenian Studies courses,
- Enrolled in at least one (1) Armenian Studies course during the academic year for which he/she is applying for the scholarship,
- An overall GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.2 in the Armenian courses at the time of application.

All applicants must complete the CSUN Scholarship Application and submit all mandatory documents (see below) by going to the CSUN scholarship program office in Bayramian Hall, or by visiting <http://www.csun.edu/financialaid/campus-scholarships> by April 15 for the upcoming academic year.

- University Scholarship Application - <http://www.csun.edu/financialaid/campus-scholarships>
- Statement of purpose (no longer than one typed page, single space) indicating
 - importance of enrolling in the major or minor
 - how the applicant will put his/her major/minor to use
- Two letters of recommendation
 - one from the Armenian Studies Program director
 - one from a not-for-profit organization that serves the Greater Los Angeles area, including the Armenian community
- An official CSUN transcript
- Any other documentation as needed at the time of application.

Applicants may apply for this scholarship for two consecutive years.