

**Varaz and Karina Shahmirian Annual Endowed Scholarship
in Armenian Studies
AY 2021-2022**

The *Varaz and Karina Shahmirian Annual Endowed Scholarship in Armenian Studies* awards at least one 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.

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

- Currently enrolled at CSUN
- A full-time CSUN undergraduate student
- 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
- A student with an overall GPA of 2.5 and a GPA of 2.8 in the Armenian courses at the time of application

All applicants must complete and submit all required documents to the Director of the Armenian Studies Program, Dr. Vahram Shemmassian via email at vahram.shemmassian@csun.edu

- Scholarship Application
- 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
- An official CSUN transcript
- Two letters of recommendation
 - one from a professor with whom the applicant has studied
 - one from a not-for-profit organization/institution that serves the Greater Los Angeles Armenian Community
- Any other documentation as needed at the time of application.

Applicants may apply for this scholarship for two consecutive years.