

**2020-2021 FAIROUZAH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
ELIGIBILITY, INSTRUCTIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS**

Individual Award Amount: To be determined

Eligibility and requirements for Students:

1. At least **ONE of your parents**, or one of your **grandfathers**, was **born** in Fairouzah, Syria. The FAA board retains its authority to confirm this information.
2. You have been accepted to an accredited 4-year undergraduate university, or a full-time graduate program, in the United States of America for the next semester or quarter.
3. You will be enrolled as a full time student, or a part time student who is working, in the semester or quarter immediately after the award is granted. It is yet to be determined when the award will be granted. In order to receive the scholarship, you **MUST** be enrolled as a full time student (or part time if working) the **VERY** next semester or quarter after March 2021. You cannot skip the first quarter or semester, as that will disqualify you. For example, if you are going to attend UCLA, which is on a quarter system, you will be required to be enrolled in the quarter beginning September 2021. For a school that is on a semester schedule, which begins in August 2021, you must be enrolled in classes in August 2021 to receive your scholarship.
4. Your high school (or current college) GPA must be at least 3.25.
5. You must show a commitment to the FAA community by meeting the following requirements:
 - a. Each scholarship winner will complete at least 10 hours of volunteer services at an FAA event. For example, you may become a camp counselor, volunteer at a party or other function, contribute articles or services to the FAA website, or volunteer and/or plan and volunteer at any other approved FAA activity during the year after you win the scholarship.
 - b. Scholarship winners **MUST** attend the FAA annual party to claim the scholarship. If no actual party occurs due to a government shut-down (such as due to Covid-19), winners will be required to submit a photo and/or video statement to be posted on our website and played in any online events. Dates will be posted on our website at www.faanonprofit.com.
6. Note for previous winners: The FAA board has decided that previous scholarship winners **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE** to reapply.
7. Students who are expecting other scholarships that will cover the **FULL** cost of their tuition and books for the next semester or quarter, are **NOT** eligible to apply. We will send the money directly to your school for tuition/books. If your full tuition has already been paid, we cannot and will not require the school to save it for future semesters/quarters or to release it to you. It is your responsibility to provide us with this information before applying or continuing with your application.

Deadline: All materials **MUST** be received by the FAA Scholarship committee by **March 1, 2021**. Absolutely **NO** exceptions!

Contact Information: All questions must be submitted to faascholarship@gmail.com.

Application Instructions:

1. Completely fill out the FAA Scholarship Application form at www.faanonprofit.com.
2. Have your **official transcripts** sent directly to us from your school to faascholarship@gmail.com. Unofficial transcripts will be rejected. If your school does not offer electronic transmission of OFFICIAL transcripts, please have them mail it to:
FAA Scholarship Committee, c/o Linda Muchamel
18001 Ventura Blvd. Suite C, Encino, CA 91316
3. Transcripts, whether emailed or sent by U.S. mail must be received by **March 1, 2021**.
4. Submit a copy of any college or university acceptance letter(s) that you have received.
5. Write an essay no longer than 3 pages (double spaced, 12-point font) about one of the following topics:
 - a. Explain how growing up in the Fairouzah-American community has affected your life and influenced the person that you've become.
 - b. Provide specific examples of how social media has affected your life, whether it was positive or negative, and how you feel about the effect social media has on society.
6. Provide specific examples of how you will be able to contribute to the Fairouzah-American community in the future.

*We strongly recommend having someone proofread your essay first.

6. Submit between one (1) and three (3) letters of recommendation (professional, academic, or personal). The source may not be your relative or significant other.
7. Be available to meet with the scholarship committee (or part of the scholarship committee) for an in-person or web-conference interview depending on the circumstance.
8. Winners MUST provide the FAA Scholarship committee with an UPDATE as soon as they decide which school they will be attending. This must be submitted by email to faascholarship@gmail.com AND cc'd to Linda.Muchamel@gmail.com, ALONG with this information: Mailing address where the scholarship check must be sent, the student's ID number, and the full name of the student.
9. ALL scholarship checks will be sent to the school directly, after we receive the information required in section 8, above. It is YOUR responsibility to get that information to us in a timely manner.

Note regarding taxes: A scholarship award, if applied directly toward tuition, fees, and cost of books, is not required to be listed as "income" by the recipient on income tax returns. **Please note all awards will be submitted directly to the student's university of attendance.**

Note on legal status: Students must be able to provide supporting documentation upon request.