

TUSI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mirvari International Foundation



Mirvari International Foundation jointly with Reliable Future Youth Organization is pleased to announce the **Tusi Scholarship Program**. The purpose of the scholarship is to support university education of youth from low income families in exchange for community services and volunteering. Newly admitted or current university students with limited economic resources pursuing undergraduate degree in one of the accredited universities in Azerbaijan are eligible to apply.

The scholarship recipients will be chosen based on prior academic performance, financial need, and potential to contribute back to their community. Scholarship receipts are expected to propose and implement a volunteering project that could contribute to the development of their communities. Community projects could include but are not limited to provision of free tutoring courses to high school students, starting a book club, language conversation group, or sport – related or other similar projects. For community projects applicants are encouraged to partner with schools or other institutions from their home communities.

Each finalist will be award a scholarship in the amount of 1,000 AZN (approx 1,200 USD). The scholarship should be used to cover university related expenses only, such as; university tuition fees, purchase books or a personal computer, and cover daily living expenses.

Scholarship Requirements

Individuals who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- Applicant should be an Azerbaijani citizen;
- Applicant should be currently enrolled or admitted into an undergraduate program at a public or private university in Azerbaijan.

Preferences will be given to applicants to meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Academic excellence - hold grades above average (4 or higher)
- Residence in the regions of Azerbaijan
- Come from low-income families
- Loss or disability of one or both parents
- Field of studies is natural or technical sciences (mathematics, physics, engineering, computer sciences, or other similar fields) or arts (e.g., music or painting).

Application Documents:

- A copy of the State ID
- Results from the State Admission Exam (for newly admitted students)
- A document verifying student status at the university
- Academic transcripts with grades (for current university students)
- Detailed CV outlining organizational and leadership skills and volunteer activities
- A one page essay describing why you would like to receive the university degree in the chosen field of studies, how it will help you advance your career, and why you should be awarded the scholarship.
- Detailed 2-page proposal for community/volunteering project (specific activities, target group, project site, expected outcomes, logistic arrangements)
- Two letters of recommendation from professors or school teachers describing applicant's academic abilities, leadership skills, and potential for growth
- Additional evidence of academic achievements is a plus (regional or national Olympiads or contests, awards, etc);
- If applicable, document verifying financial need (e.g., proof of loss or disability of a parent, proof of unemployment status, or employment letter from a parent).

Selection Criteria

- Score on the State Admission Exam;
- Proof of financial need;
- Interesting and feasible community project with clearly outlined goals and implementation mechanism ;
- Vision for future career development

Application documents can be submitted in Azerbaijani, Russian, or English languages. The complete application with all supporting documents is **due November 30th, 2010**. Late applications will not be reviewed this year. Semi-finalists will be invited to an interview.

Application with all supporting documents should be submitted electronically to info@mirvari.org . For additional questions, please, contact us at info@mirvari.org . Preliminary ideas for community projects could be also discussed via email.

Mirvari International Foundation (MIF) is a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization registered in the State of New York, USA (Tax-ID: 26-1598399). The mission of Mirvari International Foundation (MIF) is to support educational and health projects aiming to improve the quality of life of marginalized and underprivileged children and youth in Azerbaijan. The organization is fully supported by individual donations and is run by volunteers.

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