



Arab American Cultural & Community Center

ACC Scholarship for Excellence

Application Packet 2026-2027

The Arab American Cultural and Community Center

is pleased to announce

The Annual College Scholarship Program for Arab American Students

Application Deadline: June 30, 2026

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must:

- Be of Arab origin
- Be enrolled in an accredited Senior High School, College, or University in the United States

Please email all required materials to: info@acchouston.org

Subject Line: *Scholarship Application*

Required Application Materials

Please submit all of the following:

1. Proof of Enrollment Documentation showing current enrollment in an accredited Senior High School, Community college, or University.
2. Completed Application Form.
3. Minimum of Two Letters of Recommendation from teachers and/or employers describing the nature of your professional relationship. (*Typed and uploaded as PDF or Word document.*)
4. Current Official Transcript

Scholarship **recipients will be notified starting July 20, 2026.**

What is The Arab American Cultural & Community Center Scholarship Program?

The Arab American Cultural & Community Center Scholarship is awarded through partnerships and funds raised by the community and is designed to increase opportunities of Arab American student in all fields of study. The scholarship will be awarded to cover educational expenses on a per semester basis directly to the college or university. The recipient may use the scholarship toward an associate degree, a bachelor's degree or a master's degree.

Who is eligible to apply?

Graduating high school seniors entering college or university, as well as current students pursuing an associate, bachelor's, or master's degree, are eligible to apply.

Applicants should have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher. Preference will be given to students attending, or planning to attend, an institution located in the Greater Houston area, although this is not required. Applicants should plan to complete their degree in a timely manner.

What is expected of an applicant?

- This scholarship may be awarded once per calendar year. Recipients may reapply in future years but must submit a new application each year.
- Applicants must be accepted to or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university. Preference may be given to students attending, or planning to attend, an institution in the Greater Houston area.
- Applicants should be pursuing an associate, bachelor's, or master's degree. Students attending a community college and planning to transfer to a four-year college or university are eligible to apply.
- Scholarship funds must first be used toward tuition, books, and fees. Any remaining funds may be used for other education-related expenses, including housing, food, transportation, or other necessary living expenses.
- Recipients must maintain full-time student status as defined by their institution.
- Recipients must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 each semester.
- Recipients must complete at least 20 volunteer hours at the Arab American Cultural & Community Center during the semester in which the scholarship is awarded.

Scholarship Program Information

Scholarship: Were you a recipient of any scholarship this year?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Application Form

Applicant Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. ____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____ Apt/Unit # _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Education - High School

High School Name _____ Address _____

From _____ To _____ Did you graduate? ____ Yes ____ No Degree: _____

Community College (If Applicable)

School Name _____ Address _____

From _____ To _____ Did you graduate? ____ Yes ____ No Degree: _____

University (If applicable)

School Name _____ Address _____

From _____ To _____ Did you graduate? ____ Yes ____ No Degree: _____

Other (If applicable)

School Name _____ Address _____

From _____ To _____ Did you graduate? ____ Yes ____ No Degree: _____

Community Involvement

Please describe any involvement you have had in volunteer work, community activities, cultural organizations, school activities, family responsibilities, or other community groups. You may also include participation, volunteering, or attendance at ACC programs or events, if applicable.

Volunteer Pledge

I understand that applicants must agree to complete 20 volunteer hours at the Arab American Cultural & Community Center (ACC) in Houston during the semester they receive the scholarship. The award is distributed in two installments, and the second installment will be released after the volunteer hours are completed.

____ I agree with the volunteer pledge.

References

Reference 1

Full Name _____ Relationship _____ Company _____

Phone _____ Address _____

Reference 2

Full Name _____ Relationship _____ Company _____

Phone _____ Address _____

Reference 3

Full Name _____ Relationship _____ Company _____

Phone _____ Address _____

Household Income - Please list your family income

____ Less Than \$25,000

____ \$25,000-\$50,000

____ \$50,000-\$75,000

____ \$75,000-\$100,000

____ More than \$100,000

Scholarship Essay Prompt

ACC's scholarship supports Arab American students who value education, community, and cultural heritage.

In **500–750 words**, describe how your Arab American identity and heritage, family background, or community experiences have shaped who you are. How have these experiences influenced your educational goals? How do you hope to give back to your community in the future?

Your essay may include examples from your family, school, volunteer work, cultural experiences, challenges you have overcome, or your future career plans.

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If this application leads to a scholarship award, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release.

Signature: _____ Date: _____