



Religious Studies Fellowship

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AGBU RELIGIOUS STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS U.S. & International-Based Study

2011 - 2012

Eligibility Requirements to Become an AGBU Religious Studies Fellow

AGBU offers scholarships to full-time graduate students of Armenian descent worldwide (excluding citizens of Armenia studying in Armenia) who are pursuing Religious Studies (priesthood and youth ministry).

Grants are available for up to three (3) years of graduate study.

Applicants must be enrolled in highly competitive colleges and universities in or outside of the United States with a GPA of 3.0 and above, as measured by the American grading system scale.

To reference the equivalent of the required GPA by your country's grading system, kindly access the following website: <http://www.wes.org/gradeconversionguide/index.asp>

Applicants who are citizens of Armenia qualify for grants for study outside of Armenia only if a major portion of the tuition and other expenses - 75 percent or more - has already been secured through foundations, governmental and state grants, and/or the academic institution they are attending.

The deadline for returning a completed application is **May 15**.

Incomplete applications or those postmarked after May 15 will not be considered.

Complete applications will undergo a selective review process based on the following criteria:

- o Academic Excellence
- o Financial Need
- o Prior Public and Community Service, with particular attention to their involvement in the Armenian church and community

Scholarships are awarded annually in the range of \$1,000-5,000.

AGBU Religious Studies Fellows will be announced by the end of August.



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed application form (in English or Armenian)
- Two letters of recommendation (in English or Armenian):
 - A reference describing your academic and/or professional progress, with particular attention to your chosen field of study
 - A reference describing prior/current public and community service, with particular attention to your involvement in the Armenian community
- Most recent transcript of grades. **This document must be in English or translated into English.**
- Enrollment verification or acceptance letter of the institution you plan to attend in the Fall of 2011. **This document must be in English or translated into English.**
- A copy of the Bursar's receipt from the institution that you plan or are considering to attend in the fall of 2011. **This document must be in English or translated into English.**
- A copy of the Financial Award Letter from the institution that you plan or are considering to attend in the fall of 2011. **This document must be in English or translated into English.**
- A copy of your 2010 filed Federal Tax Return (form 1040). *You may also submit a written letter of intent to file and submit a copy of your tax return once it has been filed.* **This requirement applies only to residents of the U.S.**
- Your current resume
- One passport-size photograph

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IN ORDER FOR AGBU'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER YOUR APPLICATION, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OUTLINED ABOVE AND MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGBU RELIGIOUS STUDIES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

Submit application to: Armenian General Benevolent Union
55 E 59th Street - 7th Floor
New York, NY 10022-1112
Attn: Scholarship Program
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Application Form 2011 - 2012

Personal Data

Last Name		First Name	Middle Name
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)		Place of Birth	Gender
Marital Status	Social Security/ID/ or Passport # <i>(Circle one)</i>	Citizenship	Years of residency in current country

Current Address Valid Until _____

Street		Apartment #	
City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code	Country
Current Home Phone		Mobile Phone	
Email		Permanent Home Phone	

Parent / Guardian Information or Permanent Address

Last Name	Male Guardian/Father's Name	Female Guardian/Mother's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Street		Apartment #	
City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code	Country
Email		Permanent Home Phone	

Spouse Information

Last Name		First Name	Middle Name
Street		Apartment #	
City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code	Country
Email		Permanent Home Phone	



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Name of Applicant: _____

Educational Background

During the 2011-2012 academic year, you will be enrolled at:

Name of college/university

City State Country

Degree Program Major

Expected Year of Graduation Cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average)

Please list below all colleges or universities you have previously attended in chronological order, excluding your current institution.

Institution Dates Attended Degree/Major Graduation Year (if applicable)

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List any undergraduate/graduate academic honors you have received in chronological order:



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Financial Data

Undergraduate and Graduate scholarships received to date:

	Name of Scholarship	Amount (\$ USD)	College/University where used	Date
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Occupation _____ Annual Income (\$ USD) _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's/Male Guardian's Full Name _____

Occupation _____ Annual Income (\$ USD) _____

Mother's/Female Guardian's Full Name _____

Occupation _____ Annual Income (\$ USD) _____

Spouse's Full Name _____

Occupation _____ Annual Income (\$ USD) _____

Expected annual educational costs (\$ USD) for 2011-2012:

- 1. Tuition and fees \$ _____
 - 2. Housing _____
 - 3. Books & other academic materials _____
 - 4. Other (please specify) _____
- TOTAL EDUCATIONAL COSTS \$ _____

Available annual financial resources (\$ USD) for 2011-2012:

- 1. Aid from parents/family \$ _____
 - 2. Scholarships or gift aid _____
 - 3. Loans _____
 - 4. Employment income _____
- TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES \$ _____



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Community Service

Describe your involvement and/or service in the non-Armenian community and professional organizations:

Describe your involvement and/or service in the Armenian church and community and professional organizations:

AGBU Involvement

Are you an AGBU member? YES NO

If yes, indicate the chapter: _____

Please check the appropriate AGBU program and list the years attended:

	Year(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Athletics (list team/games) _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Alumni (list camp) _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> FOCUS	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Intern Program Alumni	
o NYSIP	_____
o PSIP	_____
o YSIP	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Program (list year(s) received)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> School Alumni (list school) _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Professionals/AYA (list group) _____	_____

Religious Service

Institution (Church, Ministry, or Organization)	Location	Position/Capacity	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

References

List the two individuals to whom you have forwarded AGBU reference forms:

Academic/Professional Reference: _____

Community Service Reference: _____



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Describe how AGBU's assistance will help further your academic and professional pursuits.

(In your response, please indicate how you would apply your graduate education to the benefit of the Armenian community).



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Describe how the skills you have can benefit the work and mission of AGBU.

(In your response, please indicate your specific AGBU programs of interest and your envisioned role).



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Name of Applicant _____

Reference Requested From _____

Name

Title/Position

Company/Department

Institution

The Section Below to Be Completed by Reference

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

2. In what capacity? _____

3. In evaluating this applicant, it is essential to have information on his/her character, academic and professional pursuits, intellectual ability, promise of growth, community involvement, personal characteristics, and any other pertinent information which would help us assess this applicant's potential for success in his/her field of interest and for contributing to society at large. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

Please mail this completed form, along with your signed letter of recommendation (if applicable) - OR - return them in a sealed and signed envelope to the applicant in due time for submission as part of the application packet. All letters/application packets must be postmarked by May 15.

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