

# DR. HARRY DEMIRGIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



## About

Dr. Harry Demirgian Scholarship is administered by the Archbishop Hovnan Derderian Scholarship Fund (The Fund) of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America.

Since its inception in 2013, the Fund has distributed close to \$545,000.00 to needy students enrolled in Armenian schools.

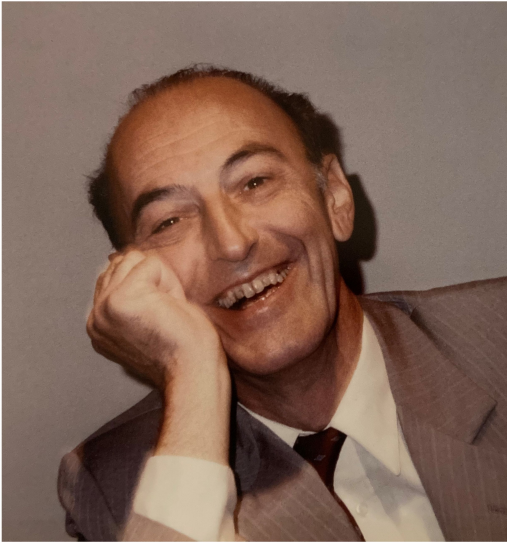
Current recipients of the Fund include students from AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School (Canoga Park, CA); the Armenian Sisters Academy (La Crescenta, CA); the C&E Merdinian Armenian Evangelical School (Sherman Oaks, CA); St. Gregory A. & M. Hovsepian School (Pasadena, CA); the Saturday Schools of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America (Burbank, CA); and the American University of Armenia (pillar).

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## The Purpose

The purpose of the Fund is to sponsor Armenian students who are active in the life of the Armenian Church and demonstrate Christian character, thus becoming a source of emulation for their peers. The Fund will award scholarship(s) annually to eligible applicants, as long as there are sufficient assets in the Fund, provided the total amount of scholarships in a calendar year does not exceed the Fund's distributable amount. As assets grow, the Found may elect to increase the grant amount or award additional scholarships.

## **In Memoriam**



### **Dr. Harry Yeprem Demirgian**

**August 25, 1931 – April 25, 2022**

Dr. Harry Demirgian, born 1931 in Detroit, Michigan, spent his first seven decades in Detroit before relocating to Scottsdale, Arizona, in 2000. He was deeply connected to his Armenian heritage and made significant contributions to his community.

Growing up in the Armenian Church, Dr. Harry graduated from Wayne University and built a successful career in dentistry. He was affectionately known as "Dr. Harry" and was not only a skilled dentist but also a talented musician, playing the clarinet and saxophone. He performed at numerous Armenian cultural events.

Dr. Harry was actively involved in his church, serving as an auditor for the Parish Council and participating in the church's cultural group and theater productions. His love for the Armenian Church and culture was unwavering, considering it his second family.

Despite being the last surviving member of his immediate family, he formed deep friendships and was regarded as an honorary uncle by many. Dr. Harry was a silent philanthropist, supporting various charitable causes and even providing dental care in Soviet Armenia.

In his final act of generosity, he established "The Dr. Harry Demirgian Memorial Fund" to support higher education under the Archbishop's Scholarship Fund. This scholarship ensures that future generations can access education.

Dr. Harry Demirgian's legacy lives on through his contributions to his community, church, and the pursuit of higher education for Armenians.

## Eligibility Criteria:

- A United States citizen
- of Armenian descent
- who has accepted attendance at or is attending a 4-year university for undergraduate studies OR is pursuing Graduate Studies. Enrollment or acceptance verification is required.
- The Applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- The Applicant can be need AND merit based.
- Financial need or special financial circumstances must be established and verified by the Applicant and his/her university.
- The Applicant must submit a 1000-word personal statement demonstrating his/her desire to make a meaningful contribution to the Armenian church and the Armenian American community, intention to pursue goals and aspirations with integrity, resolution, self-discipline and conscientiousness and commitment to hold Christian values high, specifically those concerning the sanctity of the family unit, Armenian heritage and Armenian culture. The personal statement shall also reference academic and/or non-academic awards and achievements, a description of extra-curricular involvement and, if need based, a description of his/her personal financial circumstances.
- Character references and recommendation letter(s) from their parish priest or other community leaders and/or teachers and administrative staff from their high school or enrolled university is encouraged.
- One parent or legal guardian must be a dues-paying member of an Armenian church.
- The Applicant must demonstrate participation in the life of an Armenian church (ACYO, Sunday/Saturday school, Summer Camp or Serving at the altar); the Applicant may provide a letter certifying such volunteer work/participation, including “in-kind service” to an Armenian church.
- Arizona resident qualifying Applicant(s) will be given first priority in the award of scholarships.
- Scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for renewal if the recipient continues to meet the eligibility requirements and is in good standing at the educational institution the student is attending.

## Application

### Student Information

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Birth Date

Birthplace

Social Security Number

E-mail Address

Phone Number

Mother's Full Name

Father's Full Name

## Current Residence Information

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

## Primary Residence Information (if different from above)

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

## Parent/Guardian Residence Information (if different from above)

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

## Enrollment History

### High School Attended

School Name

City

State

Date Started

Date Ended

College/University

School Name

Major(s)

GPA

Date Started

Date Ended

**Anticipated Grade Level in September 2024**

Undergraduates

School Name

Graduate Students

School Name

**Please provide information about your major(s), your intended degree, when you expect it will be awarded, and any other pertinent information.**

**Honors, Awards, Scholarships Received**

**Extracurricular Activities and Involvement in Organizations (include description of each, and your participation)**

**Internships (include dates and organizations)**

## **Applicant's Employment**

Are you currently employed?

If yes, how many hours per week do you work?

Yes

No

Employer (current OR last)

Years Employed

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Zip

Position

Salary (gross income)

Name of Supervisor

Phone

## **Financial Information**

Yearly Tuition Amount

Yearly Living Expenses

Your Estimates Annual Income

Your Estimated Annual Family Contribution

Father's Occupation

Annual Income

Mother's Occupation

Annual Income

Parents' Street Address (if different from  
applicant)

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Zip

Housing Status

Own

Rent

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In the space below, please list in detail any grants and/or scholarships or loans you have received during your university education. Please disclose the total amount of money and nature of other support (housing, tuition, etc.) for every grant/scholarship listed.

Are you a previous Dr. Harry Demirgian Memorial Scholarship recipient?

Yes

No

**I hereby attest that the information above in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature

Date

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## Supporting Documents Required

1. Certified copy of your university/college transcripts (if applicable)
2. Applicant's and parent's first 2 pages of 2023 tax returns (if not available, 2022 tax returns).

**Please indicate below how you heard about Dr. Harry Demirgian Memorial Scholarship.**

**RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM, REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS,  
PERSONAL STATEMENT, CHARACTER REFERENCES AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS  
BY JUNE 31, 2024.**

**By Mail**

**Dr. Harry Demirgian Memorial Scholarship  
C/O Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America  
3325 North Glenoaks Boulevard  
Burbank, CA 91504**

**By E-mail**

**AbpScholarshipFund@wdacna.com**

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## **Privacy Statement**

We are committed to maintaining the confidentiality of all scholarship application information provided to us. Your personal and academic details will be treated with the utmost privacy and will only be accessed by authorized personnel involved in the scholarship selection process. We assure you that your information will not be disclosed to any third party without your explicit consent, except where required by law. By submitting your scholarship application, you consent to the collection, processing, and storage of your information for the purpose of scholarship evaluation and administration.