

2023 ALAA Scholarship Application

Statement of purpose and objectives: The American-Lebanese Awareness Association, Inc. (ALAA) has been formed to conduct programs of informational value pertaining to cultural and educational topics regarding Lebanon and the Middle East; to recognize the accomplishments of American-Lebanese in the area; to assist qualified students who reside in New England and who are of American-Lebanese descent through a program of scholarship awards; to provide a forum for speakers of reputation and accomplishments; and to participate and assist in civic, cultural and charitable programs of benefit to the Merrimack Valley in general and to the American-Lebanese population as applicable.

Instructions: In order to be eligible for consideration for scholarship assistance in the fall, Sections 1–6 of this Application must be completed in full, **mailed and postmarked on or before March 1, 2023** and forwarded to ALAA, P.O. Box 2244, Methuen, MA 01844. Applications postmarked after this date will not be accepted. If selected as a recipient, you or a representative are required to attend the annual scholarship banquet which will be held in **early June 2023** in order to receive your scholarship, or you will forfeit your scholarship award. **Recipients will be notified of the details at a later date.**

Please note that hand-delivered applications will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration for scholarship. All applications and supporting materials become property of the ALAA.

Applicants must meet the following criteria for eligibility:

1. Must be of Lebanese ancestry and reside in New England.
2. Must be a registered full-time student in an undergraduate program for Fall 2023.
3. Must not have already received two ALAA awards in his/her lifetime.
4. Must include with application an **OFFICIAL, SEALED TRANSCRIPT** of grades through the most recently completed semester of high school or college. **Please notify us if school is mailing directly.**

All criteria must be met in order to be eligible

SECTION 1: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

All information must be accurate and complete. **DO NOT** leave any blanks. **MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR SPAM MAIL!** All communications will be sent by e-mail (except for award letters which will be sent by USPS mail) and will have **ALAA SCHOLARSHIP** in the subject bar. Phone numbers should be **YOUR CELL** as well as **HOME**.

Name of Applicant _____ Email _____

Date and Place of Birth _____ Gender _____

Cell Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Street _____ City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name _____

Parent #1 Name _____ Birthplace _____

Parent #2 Name _____ Birthplace _____

Number of Children in My Family _____ Number Attending College _____

SECTION 2: LEBANESE ANCESTRY

A. On a separate sheet of paper create a family tree.

LEBANESE ANCESTRY/FAMILY TREE

First and last names of all Ancestors
(include nationalities of all and maiden names of women)

EXAMPLE:

Joseph & Mary (Aziz) Haddad
Lebanese & Lebanese/Italian

FATHER'S FAMILY

MOTHER'S FAMILY

Great Grandparents

Great Grandparents

Grandparents

Grandparents

Parents

You

B. Please answer the following on a separate sheet of paper: Describe the moment in your life when you realized you were of Lebanese descent. How did that realization impact you at the time? How does "being Lebanese" affect you now as a young adult?

I hereby certify that the information supplied in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

(If under 18 a parent or guardian must sign)

SECTION 3: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Grade Point Average _____ out of _____ Class Rank _____ out of _____

Academic Honors Achieved at Current School: _____

Best SAT Score _____ Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____

College or University you plan to attend this fall: _____

School You Currently Attend: _____ Current Year: _____

Major Field of Study/Program _____

SECTION 4: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a listing of your extracurricular and civic activities, hobbies, work experience and/or special interests. Be sure to highlight any leadership roles you have held as well as your work/involvement in the Lebanese community. Be sure to include years of participation in each activity. If you attend college, only include activities in which you currently participate and do not list extracurricular activities from high school.

SECTION 5: ESSAY

On a separate page, please answer the following in a short essay—one page minimum, word processed, double-spaced, in a plain font no larger than 12pt.: ***Many immigrants came to the US for a better life, some were craftsmen, farmers, engineers, educators, artists, etc. They brought their knowledge to put to good use in their new home country. Highlight a Lebanese immigrant's contribution that is still in use today and its impact over time.*** (The information you provide in this section will allow the Scholarship Committee to assess your involvement in and commitment to the preservation of Lebanese Pride, Heritage and Culture.) **Second time applicants should choose a different individual.**

SECTION 6: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Please include a statement regarding your need for financial assistance here and attach any documentation which you feel will help our committee assess your status. Please do not send tax forms as part of your response.

PLEASE NOTE

If granted, you will be notified in early May of receipt of your scholarship.

The Scholarship Banquet will be held in early June 2023.

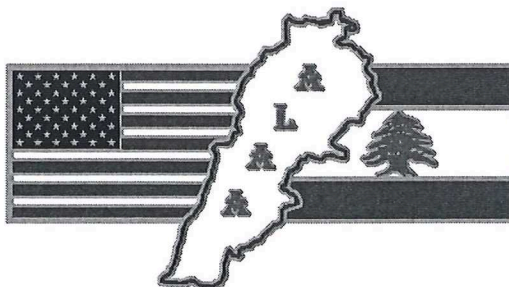
Recipients will be notified at a later date.

SECTION 7: APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Please be sure to double check that you've done all of the following before sending your application:

- ☐ I have answered completely all questions in sections 1-6.
- ☐ I have enclosed an official sealed transcript. (Or school is mailing one)
- ☐ I have enclosed a resume outlining my extracurricular & civic activities, hobbies, etc.
- ☐ I have enclosed a short essay as requested in section 5.
- ☐ I acknowledge that I or someone in my family is required to attend the ALAA Scholarship Banquet should I be selected as a recipient

APPLICATIONS WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE ALL OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN THE ABOVE CHECKLIST WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.



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