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Applicants must complete the ENTIRE application,

including previous recipients of a WED Educational Fund Scholarship.

Students applying to the WED Educational Fund must meet the following requirements **without exception**.

The applicant:

     1. Must be a **Citizen of the United States**. Green cards are **not** acceptable.

     2. Must be of **Armenian Ancestry**. Those with two Armenian parents will be given priority.

     3. Must show a **need for financial assistance**.

     4. Must **demonstrate excellence in their chosen field,** whether pursuing academic studies, a trade or special training, and

     5. Must pursue studies or training in the **United States or Canada**

The following documents must be submitted to the WED Educational Fund Scholarship Committee (**post-marked by May 31st**) in order to be considered for a scholarship for the academic year starting in September:

A) **The Application Form** (including the Statement of Goals): A **typed**, completed copy of this form (in .docx or .doc format) must be printed and sent by the applicant to the WED Office, as part of the application package, via the US Postal Service.

B) **The Official Transcript:** Must be sent by the school's Office of the Registrar **directly** to the WED Office via the US Postal Service.

C) **The Recommendation Letters**: **Two (2)** recent recommendation letters (**written within the last 18 months**)**,** must be sent by the sponsors **directly** to the WED Office, either as an email attachment, or via the US Postal Service. At least one (1) letter must be from a professor or teacher who is familiar with the student's academic work. The other recommendation could be from either an employer or mentor who can attest to the applicant's personal and professional maturity.

D) **Proof of Citizenship** (copy of passport page, birth or naturalization certificate, etc.): The student must send a printed copy of the appropriate proof of citizenship, as part of the application package, via the US Postal Service.

E) **The Student Aid Report (SAR):** The student must send a printed copy of the most recent **Student Aid Report (SAR)**, as part of the application package, via the US Postal Service.

F) **The Financial Aid / Award Letter**: This form from the **school** lists all the scholarships / grants / awards / work-study programs awarded to the student, the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and the tuition expenses for the coming academic year. The student must send a printed copy of this document, as part of the application package, via the US Postal Service.

Please Remember:

- All forms must be in **typed format**.
- Your **Social Security Number** is required to identify you on the award.
- A complete mailing address of the **Financial Aid Office** is required for the mailing of the award.
- **The letters of recommendation (electronic or hard-copy) must be on official letterhead, written within the last 18 months**, signed and mailed directly by the reference provider, via email or the US Postal Service. Faxes are NOT acceptable.
- **Expense and Income information with no supporting documentation will be disregarded in the calculation of a student's financial need.** The student must provide a copy of the latest Student Aid Report (SAR), and the Financial Aid Award Letter (or equivalent) from the institution.
- **Please do not staple** any of the documents submitted as part of the application package. All pages in the mailed package must be on $8^{1/2}$ x 11 (letter) size paper.
- Any mailed documents must be sent via the **regular US Postal Service** (no Express mail, FedEx, etc.; no return receipt requirements, no oversized envelopes).
- No documents will be returned to the applicant.

WED Educational Fund Scholarship Application Form

Please type and complete the entire form (in .docx or .doc format), save it and print it as part of your application package to be mailed to the WED Office via the US Postal Service.

I. Personal Identification

1. Last Name   **2. First Name**   **3. Middle Name**

4. Social Security Number   **5. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)**   **6. Male / Female (M/F)**

7. Citizenship   **8. Type of Proof (e.g., Copy of Passport, Birth Certificate, etc.)**   **9. Citizenship Proof Attached (Yes / No)**

10. Place of Birth (City, State / Country)

11. Specify Armenian Ancestry (Full / Partial)

	12. Permanent Mailing Address	**13. Current Mailing Address:**
Address Line1		
Address Line2		
City, State, Zip		

14. Telephone Number   **15. Email address**

16. Father's Name   **17. Occupation**

18. Mother's Name (including maiden name)   **19. Occupation**

	20. Parents' Address
Address Line1	
Address Line2	
City, State, Zip	

II. Institutional Information

1. Name of Institution for which you are requesting financial aid

2. Institution's Financial Aid Office Information

Address Line1	
Address Line2	
Address Line3	
City, State, Zip	
Telephone	
Email address	

3. What is your major / field of study or vocation?

4. If you are minoring in another field, specify here:

5. Number of Semesters (or Quarters) completed to date (please specify which):

6. Expected date of graduation / completion of study:

III. Academic and Personal Information

1. Scores from any standardized tests you have taken (SAT, ACT, GMAT, LSAT, GRE, etc.) and the best possible score on that test for that year (most recent first):

Name of Test (e.g., SAT)	Test Score (e.g., 1200)	Max Possible Score (e.g., 1600)	Date of Test (e.g., Sep 2016)

2. Names of high schools and colleges you have attended (most recent first):

Name	Address	Dates Attended

3. Special honors, prizes, or other scholastic recognition you have received:

4. Extra-curricular activities in which you have participated in during high school, college or after, including any involvement in Armenian and non-Armenian community activities:

5. Previous jobs you have held and dates of employment (most recent first):

Name and Address	Brief Job Description	Dates

IV. Financial Information for the Coming Academic Year:

1. Expense Information:

Enter the <u>total</u> tuition expenses for the coming academic year from your most recent Financial Aid Award Letter (or equivalent statement) from your school. If unavailable, provide a valid URL from your school's website that confirms the tuition expenses. <u>Without any formal documentation, your tuition expenses will be disregarded.</u>

Do not include any additional expenses such as fees, books and supplies, room and board, transportation, insurance, personal expenses, etc.

Total Tuition Expenses:	

2. Income Information:

<u>Copy</u> the following information from your most recent SAR form.
Note: A full copy of the most recent SAR form must be included in this application package. If the information requested below does not appear on the SAR form, or if the SAR is not available, please attach a copy of your (or parent's) latest 1040 Tax Return (pages 1 and 2 only): <u>Otherwise the application will be deemed "incomplete".</u>

SAR / FAFSA Information	Response
36. What was your (and spouse's) adjusted gross income for the previous year? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 37; 1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4	
39. How much did you earn from working?	
40. How much did your spouse earn from working?	
41. As of today, what is your (and spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts? Don't include student financial aid.	
42. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and spouse's) investments, including real estate? Don't include the home you live in.	
44. Student's Additional Financial Information (Enter the combined amounts for you and your spouse.) **d. Taxable college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your adjusted gross income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances and interest accrual payments), as well as grant and scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.**	
74. How many people in your parents' household (from question 73) will be college students during the next academic year? Always count yourself as a college student. Do not include your parents. Do not include siblings who are in U.S. military service academies. You may include others only if they will attend a program that leads to a college degree or certificate	
85. What was your parents' adjusted gross income for the previous year? Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040—line 37; 1040A—line 21; or 1040EZ—line 4.	
90. As of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts? Don't include student financial aid.	
91. As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' investments, including real estate? Don't include the home in which your parents live.	

3. Loan Information:

Please <u>copy</u> the following information from your most recent SAR form:
Note: Compute the total outstanding loan amount, as necessary:

Total Amount of Loans Outstanding	

4. Provide the following information from your most recent Financial Aid Award Letter from your school, or any other source, listing all the scholarships / grants / awards / work-study funds awarded for the coming academic year (not including loans). If the status of the current year's awards is still unknown, please include a list of last year's grants and scholarships, as applicable.

Note: A full copy of the most recent Financial Aid Award Letter must be attached to this application package.

a. Scholarships, Grants, Awards, Work/Study Funds Offered to Student	Amount

Total Awards	

b. Expected Contributions:	Amount
Contribution from Parents / Step-Parents	
Contribution from Student / Spouse	

Total Contributions	
Total Awards and Contributions	

c. Additional Comments about Income, Expenses, and/or Special Financial Considerations:

V. References

Please list the names and addresses of the <u>two</u> people from whom you will request a letter of reference:
At least one letter should be from a professor or teacher who knows your academic work. The other recommendation could be from either an employer or mentor who can attest to your personal and professional maturity.

Please note: A recommendation letter will be accepted only if:
- **It is sent by the <u>sponsor directly</u> to the WED Office, either as an email attachment or via the US Postal Service;**
- **It is written <u>recently</u> (i.e., within the last eighteen months); and**
- **It is on <u>official letterhead</u> (if applicable) and <u>signed</u>, including <u>sponsor's title</u> (and/or relationship to candidate) and <u>contact information</u>.**

Name	Address	Telephone	Email Address

VI. Statement of Goals

Provide your statement of goals (in 500 words or less) in the space below:
State what you plan to do after completing your studies, more specifically how you envision using your education and profession to serve your community and the society at large. Feel free to include information that might not have been included in the previous parts of this application which will help the committee determine your eligibility.