

Arabic Language Instruction Flagship Guide to Outside Funding Sources



This guide was created to provide a starting point to assist ALIF students in locating possible sources for scholarships, grants, and fellowships. Students are also encouraged to work closely with their advisors to learn about any opportunities offered by their college or specific to their area of study.

The ALIF program is not endorsing any of the programs below. ALIF students interested in applying for these awards should consult with both the ALIF Academic Director and their own academic advisors.

General pages to check:

College Scholarships.org (Arabic)

<http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/social-science/arabic.htm>

American Association of Teachers of Arabic

<http://aataweb.org/Default.aspx?pageID=14>

Arab-American Institute

<http://www.aaiusa.org/foundation/33/scholarships>

MSU Financial Aid database

www.finaid.msu.edu/searches.asp

MSU Scholarship Search

<https://scholendow.ais.msu.edu/student/scholsearch.asp>

FastWeb

<http://fastweb.monster.com/>

College Answer

<http://www.collegeanswer.com>

Scholarship Hunter

<http://www.scholarshiphunter.com>

Specific Scholarships/Fellowships/Grants:

Ameen Rihani Scholarship

\$1,500

For Lebanese or Arab Americans, especially those studying literature, philosophy, or political science. Must have a 3.25 or above and be a freshman in the fall.

<http://www.ameenrihani.org/index.php?page=scholarship>

Benjamin A Gilman International Scholarships

Up to \$8000

Study abroad scholarship for undergraduate US citizens, focusing on students traditionally under-represented in study abroad such as students with high financial need, students in under-represented fields such as the sciences and engineering, students with diverse ethnic backgrounds, and students with disabilities. Students receiving Pell Grant funding are eligible.

<http://www.iie.org/programs/gilman/overview/overview.html>

Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Language Initiatives

For all American undergraduates, but students must have completed at least one year of general college course-work by program start date.

<https://clscholarship.org/home.php>

Academic Competitiveness Grants

For the first 2 years of university. Up to \$750 for the first year of undergraduate study and up to \$1,300 for the second year of undergraduate study. Requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Be Federal Pell Grant eligible;
- Be enrolled full-time in a degree program;
- Be enrolled in the first or second academic year of his or her program of study at a two-year or four-year degree-granting institution;
- Have completed a rigorous secondary school program of study
- If a first-year student, not have been previously enrolled in an undergraduate program; and
- If a second-year student, have at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale for the first academic year.

<http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/NewPrograms.jsp>

National SMART Grants

The National SMART Grant provides up to \$4,000 for each of the third and fourth years of undergraduate study. The National SMART Grant award is in addition to the student's Pell Grant award.

To be eligible to receive a National SMART Grant, you must:

1. Be a US citizen;
2. Be eligible to receive a Pell Grant;
3. Be enrolled as a full-time third or fourth year student in a baccalaureate degree program;
4. Have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average;
5. Be enrolled in an eligible major in one of the following categories: Computer Science, Engineering, Critical Foreign Languages, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Technology, or Multidisciplinary Studies.

If you meet all of the above requirements and you have already submitted a FAFSA form, please contact the Financial Aid Office to identify yourself as a potentially eligible student.

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Kathryn Davis Fellowships for Peace

Scholarship for intensive summer immersion study (9 weeks) at Middlebury College. The Davis Fellowships are merit-based and intended for exceptionally qualified individuals with demonstrated interest in one or more of the following areas: international, global, or area studies, international politics and economics, peace and security studies, and/or conflict resolution. Individuals in other fields, including working professionals, are also encouraged to apply if their field of expertise requires them to study one of the critical languages listed above.

http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls/fellowships_scholarships/kwd.htm

Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) scholarships

Summer and yearlong scholarships for study at the American University in Cairo.

<http://www.utexas.edu/cola/centers/casa/about/>

AFS Scholarship to study in Egypt (2008)

For high school students with little or no background in Arabic

http://www.usa.afs.org/usa_en/news/article_print/5917

The Council of International Educational Exchange (CIEE):

The council offers study-abroad programs and small grants to help cover some of the costs (awards usually in the \$500-\$1,000 range).

<http://www.ciee.org/study/scholarships.aspx>

The NSEP David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships:

Study abroad scholarship. Highly competitive and very prestigious awards. Recipients are required to work for the federal government for at least a year after completing their study program.

<http://www.iie.org/programs/nsep/undergraduate/default.htm>

Concordia Language Village

Summer intensive language study. High school students should see the StarTalk scholarship. Other available scholarships are the "Global Citizen" and "Step up to Credit" scholarships (need based)

http://clvweb.cord.edu/prweb/summer_youth_programs/scholarships.asp

StarTalk (Student Programs)

Arabic instruction in various cities in the U.S.
(Summer 2008 schedule is not available yet)

http://startalk.umd.edu/language_ar.htm

Rotary Club Ambassadorial Scholarships

For one year of study abroad at any university in a country with a Rotary Club. Recipients must be nominated by their hometown Rotary Club, and should contact them for more details.

http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho