

Award Overview

QFI-AHS INCOMING FRESHMAN AWARD



QFI is pleased to launch the 2023 Arabic Honor Society (AHS) Incoming Freshman Award to support select AHS members who are preparing to continue their Arabic journey at the higher education level. This award celebrates high achieving students who have demonstrated their passion for the Arabic language through academic excellence, extracurricular activities, and involvement in their local AHS chapters.

The AHS academic awards program incentivizes Arabic students at the high school or secondary level to continue their Arabic studies at the higher education level. While the awards celebrate high achieving students, they are also meant to provide support to those students who have demonstrated passion for learning Arabic and an openness to learning about different cultures. We encourage all eligible students to apply!

Funding

Award Recipients will receive the following:

- Up to \$10,000 to cover tuition costs for a program that includes Arabic language course/s at the higher education level
- Recognition on QFI's website, social media, and other promotional materials

Applicant Eligibility

Applicants for the AHS Incoming Freshman Awards have committed themselves to attending an institute of higher education to continue studying Arabic during their first year, so special eligibility guidelines apply. Students must meet the following conditions to be eligible:

- Current member of the Arabic Honor Society. If you are not already a member, you can join a local chapter or an at large chapter by visiting arabichonorsociety.com.
- Student must be majoring or minoring in Arabic, or related fields which require a strong command of the Arabic language by graduation. Students should make a case for their selected program in their application essays.
- **Student must be registered for an Arabic language course in their first semester.** If selected, funding is contingent upon proof of acceptance to school and registration to an Arabic language course.

How to Apply

1. Make a profile on the grant management portal: qfi.smapply.org. Student must complete the Eligibility Quiz to apply for the academic award.
 2. Complete the AHS Incoming Freshman Award Application form. The form will require general information about the student, essay prompts for the student to complete, and uploads of supplementary documentation including high school transcripts.
 3. Submit application by 11:59pm ET March 6, 2023.
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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. I do not plan on minoring or majoring in Arabic. Can I still apply?

Yes! We welcome applications from students who are planning to study Arabic as part of their academic focus. For example, students may plan to major in a related field such as International Affairs/Relations, Middle Eastern Studies, or any academic focus with a regional component that includes Arabic language proficiency. Students may also apply to pursue academic or professional goals that do not require Arabic language proficiency, but that the applicant wants to build into their academic program in order to accomplish their professional goals. For example, a student may apply with plans to major in a STEM field as long as they explain how they will continue their study of Arabic and how they plan to use it in their future career. Students will have the opportunity to explain how Arabic fits into their academic and professional goals, so we encourage you to make a case for your selected field of study.

2. How are award recipients selected?

We select award recipients based on the information provided in the application form, essay questions, and optional supplementary documentation. It is up to the applicant to demonstrate their passion for Arabic, showcase their strengths, and demonstrate a need for funding. We take each of these things into consideration, but the awards are merit based.

3. Are there language proficiency requirements?

Students learning Arabic as a world language or as a heritage language are welcome to apply as long as the student meets the eligibility requirements. There is no specific level of proficiency required to apply. We want to see that the student is committed to continuing their study of the language.

4. Do I need a teacher recommendation?

No, we do not ask for recommendations. The review process focuses on the information the student provides in their application.

5. How can I make my application stand out?

One of our main goals with offering the Incoming Freshman Award is to support AHS students who are passionate about learning the Arabic language. Students can demonstrate that in their essay responses and they can share how they've been active in their AHS chapters or Arabic programming at their schools.

Contact Information

Students can reach out with any questions by emailing arabichonorsociety@qfi.org.
