

Award Overview

# QFI-AHS SUMMER SCHOLAR AWARD



QFI is pleased to announce the 2023 AHS Summer Scholar Award. This award supports AHS members in high school/secondary school who are looking for additional opportunities to strengthen their Arabic skills by attending a summer Arabic program.

Strong applicants will demonstrate their passion for the Arabic language and Arab culture in their academic records, extracurricular activities, involvement in their local AHS chapters, as well as in their application essay responses.

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## Funding

Award Recipients will receive the following:

- Up to \$5,000 to cover tuition costs for a summer Arabic language program
- Recognition on QFI's website, social media, and other promotional materials

## Applicant Eligibility

Applicants for the Summer Scholar Award are committed to expanding their Arabic skills. Students of all levels are eligible to apply if they meet the following conditions:

- 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](http://arabichonorsociety.com).
- Students may select an Arabic summer program that is either in-person, online, domestic, or abroad. Students must make a strong case for the program that they select and must be able to provide a back-up online only option in case the in-person program is cancelled.
- If selected, funding is contingent upon proof of acceptance to a 2023 summer program. Documentation for this will be required.

## How to Apply

1. Make a profile on the grant management portal: [qfi.smapply.org](http://qfi.smapply.org). Student must complete the Eligibility Quiz to apply for the academic award.
2. Complete the Summer Scholar Award application form in the portal. 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 April 12, 2023.

## Contact Information

Students can reach out with any questions by emailing [arabichonorsociety@qfi.org](mailto:arabichonorsociety@qfi.org).

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## Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where can I find a summer program and which ones can I attend using this award?

Students must select a summer 2023 Arabic language program – it can be in person, online, hybrid, domestic, or abroad. QFI maintains a list of institutions that offer Arabic [here](#), but this is not an exhaustive list. Some programs may not be included but that does not mean that you cannot apply for funding to attend that specific summer program. Programs on the list may change from year to year – in application deadlines, requirements, etc. We ask students to use this resource as a starting point for their search, but they should visit the institutions' websites for the most accurate and up to date information.

2. I haven't been accepted to my selected Arabic program yet. Can I apply for this award?

Yes, you can apply for the award even if you do not have a formal decision from the summer program that you are hoping to attend. Students must apply to attend the summer program using the institution's application process which is independent from QFI's award selection process. Students selected for the Summer Scholar Award will have to provide documentation that they've been accepted by their chosen summer program. Students are responsible for being aware of program deadlines – both from the summer program and from the Summer Scholar Award to ensure they are able to meet the requirements.

3. 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.

4. 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 applicants are committed to continuing their study of the language.

5. 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.

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6. I was awarded merit or need-based tuition support from the organization hosting the summer program (such as financial aid or a scholarship). Can I still accept the Summer Scholar Award?

It depends! Did the organization select you for full funding? If so, then you are no longer eligible for the award since your summer program fees are already being covered. If you have other costs such as textbooks or other materials required for your summer program that is not covered by support from your summer program, then you might be eligible for a partial award. Please notify us if that is the case, and we will consider your application for partial funding instead.

7. How can I make my application stand out?

We hope to support AHS members who are dedicated to strengthening their language skills. Students can demonstrate that in their essay responses by sharing how they've been active in their AHS chapters or Arabic programming at their schools and how their selected program will help them achieve their learning goals.