Middle East Studies Academic Year Scholarship
2020-2021 Application Form
Application Deadline
February 3, 2020
5:00 PM MST

The Middle East Studies Program is able to provide one academic year scholarships of $5,000 to an outstanding first-year, continuing, or transfer student who is a resident of the State of Utah and has declared a major in Middle East Studies.

Eligibility Requirements
To be eligible to receive the scholarship, students must meet the following four criteria:

a) Have a declared major in Middle East Studies
b) Have a minimum GPA of 3.5
c) Must have Utah residency status by Fall 2020
d) Must be pursuing your first bachelor’s degree

Evaluation Criteria
Each application will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

a) the potential impact of the scholarship on the student’s academic and professional plans
b) the thoroughness and clarity of the statement of purpose
c) financial need
d) academic merit

Submission and Notification
Completed scholarship applications must be submitted in hard copy to the International and Area Studies office (CTIH 210) by 5:00pm on the day of the deadline. All application materials must be submitted together at one time. If applying remotely, students may submit all application materials as an attachment (pdf). Applications should be sent to International and Area Studies at ias@utah.edu by the same time and date as a hard copy application. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

For questions or more information, contact International and Area Studies at ias@utah.edu.
Applicant Information

U of U Student ID: ____________________________ Umail Address: ____________________________

First Name: ____________________________ Last Name: ____________________________

Major(s): ____________________________ Language Emphasis: ____________________________

Are you a transfer student?    Yes      No

(if yes, please list the institution from which you have transferred) ____________________________

Will you have residency status by Fall 2020?    Yes      No

Did your parents/guardians graduate from college?    Both parents    One parent      Neither parent

Statement of Purpose (500 words max)
Please include a typed statement in which you discuss how your major in Middle East Studies supports your academic and career goals. If relevant, share any signature experiences you are planning to participate on during the 2020-2021 academic year that are related to your goals. These experiences may include volunteering, student leadership, a research project or independent study, an internship, a study abroad, etc.

Statement of Financial Need (250 words max)
Please include a typed statement in which you discuss the importance of this scholarship to your ability to progress toward your academic and career goals. You may wish to include information about yourself and/or your family that illustrates your financial need (including but not limited to such things as whether or not you are a first-generation college student, whether and what kinds of additional financial assistance you have earned to support your education, and your employment and/or family-related commitments).

Statement of Academic Merit (250 words max)
Please include a typed statement in which you discuss your academic or other honors, achievements, and activities that you feel demonstrate your commitment to academic success, intellectual curiosity, and learning outside of the classroom. Relevant information may include any volunteer, community, and/or campus activities relevant to your academic and/or career goals.

Applicant Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________