

The Bethlehem Association Scholarship Fund

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GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP GRANT & APPLICATION - 2008

The Bethlehem Association (BA) scholarships are intended to help needy students from the Bethlehem region which has been suffering from desperately poor conditions. The scholarships are co-ordinated with Bethlehem University and are granted to qualified students attending the University and who meet the Association's academic and financial need requirements. Scholarships are granted to members of the Bethlehem community at large and no distinction is made with regard to sex, religion, creed or membership. Family sponsored scholarships are granted to all students, if qualified applicants from the same family are selected they are normally assigned to the corresponding family scholarship but no preference is accorded such applicants. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis and are normally announced at the beginning of the Fall semester. Tuition aid is disbursed on a semester basis and renewals depend on academic performance. Students interested in continued funding must submit a performance report at the end of the Fall semester **and a complete new application in May of each year with their latest grade report.**

Required Documents

1. A neatly completed and signed Tuition Aid Application. It must be mailed to the above address **before May 30 of the year of application.** An original is required, therefore the application must be sent by air mail and no faxed application can be accepted.
2. A certified official transcript of past grades preferably sent directly by the University.
3. Entering freshmen must submit Tawjihi scores and their secondary school report together with an acceptance letter from the University. These should be sent separately as soon as they are available.
4. A confidential performance report from the University or school attended. It must be completed and signed by the recommending professor or teacher on the BA-4 form and mailed directly to BA.
5. Awardees must furnish an official grade report to BA upon completion of each semester. If grades show good progress, BA will extend the award to the following semester.
6. All awardees must participate in a group photo taken by the University once a year.
7. All awardees must send a letter of thanks once a year addressed to the Chairman, Scholarship Committee at the address above, recognizing the help they are being granted and the Family sponsors of their scholarship. They may enclose individual photos if they wish. This letter will be sent to the sponsoring families and may be published on the BA website or newsletter. The letters must be well written and properly dated; they may be in Arabic or English. Students must use the sample layout on page-2.
8. All documents must be sent by air mail. This is because fax transmissions are often not clear, especially with photos, and the enclosed transcripts and certificates are not verifiable. Students must plan, neatly prepare and mail their applications and letters well before the deadline.

Other Requirements

1. The student is expected to maintain high academic performance: a cum. GPA higher than 2.50, or a percentage grade above 70%. For entering students Tawjihi grades above 75% and high school diploma grades above 80% are required. Grades are an important factor in awarding and renewing grants.
2. All scholarships awarded by BA are a grant to defray tuition fees and will be paid directly to Bethlehem University.
3. Students who accept a BA scholarship must complete their degrees and may not withdraw from the University before they graduate. A student who for any reason withdraws from the University before graduating will be required to reimburse the Association all past tuition grants made on his/her behalf.
4. An award by BA is made with the understanding that the Association has no obligation to provide other or additional support for the grantee.

All applicants must sign below and enclose this signed page with their completed application:
I have carefully read and understood the above requirements and guidelines. If I do not meet the above deadline and requirements the Bethlehem Association will not review or consider my application.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

