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THE BEGINNING OF A NEW TRADITION

A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Welcome to the inaugural issue of our Armenian Relief Society Eastern USA newsletter.

It is with great enthusiasm that we introduce this publication as a new way to connect our supporters across the Eastern Region. While our work has always been rooted in service and community, this newsletter provides us with an opportunity to share those efforts more broadly and to celebrate the people who make them possible.

The work of the Armenian Relief Society has always been defined by compassion in action. Every act of service, every scholarship awarded, every family supported, every humanitarian effort, and every volunteer who gives their time strengthens our community and reflects the enduring values upon which our organization was built. Through this newsletter, we hope to celebrate that impact, shine a light on the dedication of those who serve, and inspire one another to continue building a stronger, more connected Armenian community for generations to come.

More than a collection of updates, this newsletter is a reflection of our community. It will provide a window into the lives we touch, the programs we support, the partnerships we build, and the milestones we celebrate. We hope it serves as a source of information reminding us that every act of generosity is another chapter in the legacy that began with the founding of our organization in 1910.

As we begin this new chapter, we invite you to follow our journey, celebrate our achievements, and remain engaged in the mission of the Armenian Relief Society. Your encouragement, generosity, and commitment are the foundation of everything we accomplish together. We look forward to sharing the stories and experiences that bring our mission to life and highlight the meaningful difference made through the continued support of our community.

With gratitude,
Mimi Parseghian
Chairperson of the Regional Executive Board

ARS OF EASTERN USA AWARDS $107,250 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

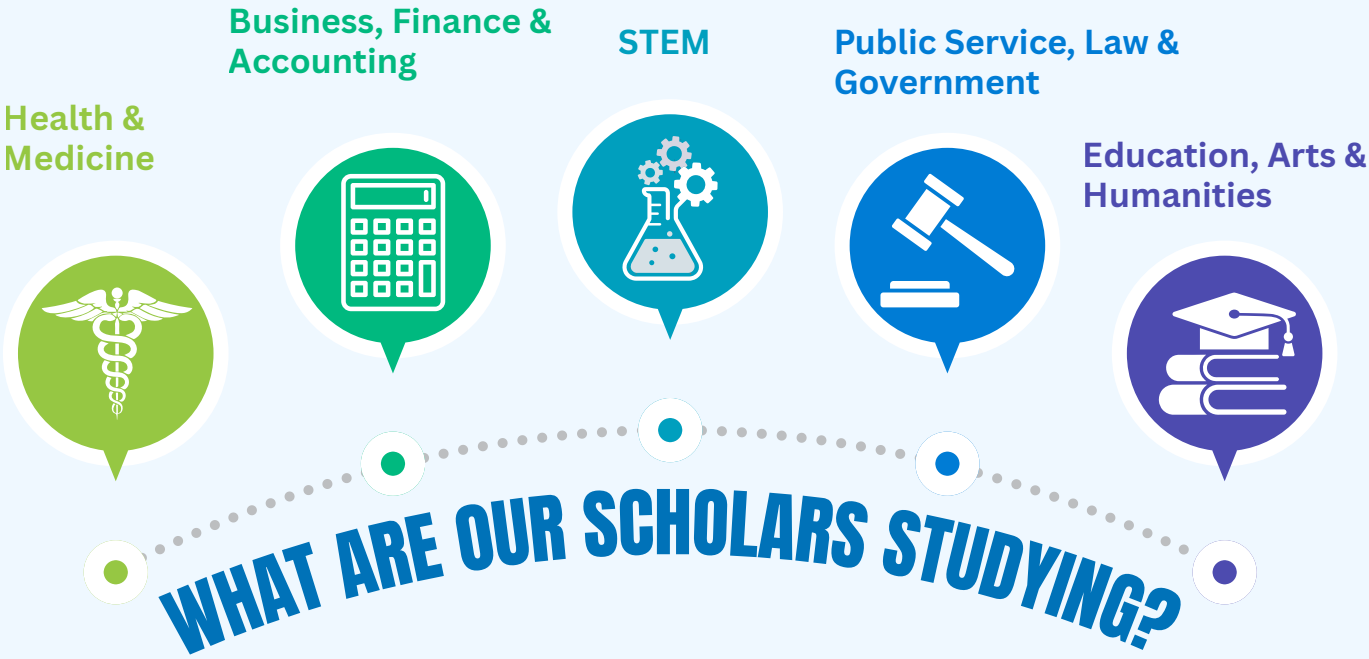


ARS Board and Committee members with scholarship recipient, Gayane Badalyan in Boston, MA.

The Armenian Relief Society (ARS) of Eastern USA is proud to announce the awarding of $107,250 in scholarships to 81 deserving students for the 2026–2027 academic year. The Scholarship Committee and Regional Executive Board selected recipients based on their academic achievement, commitment to the Armenian community and demonstrated financial need.

> **Education has always been one of the Armenian Relief Society's greatest priorities because it empowers individuals and strengthens our communities for generations to come. We are honored to invest in these exceptional students as they pursue their academic goals and continue to serve the Armenian community.**
>
> -Mimi Parseghian
> Chairperson of the Regional Executive Board

The scholarships awarded each year are made possible through the generosity of individuals and families who have established endowed scholarships and memorial funds in honor of their loved ones. Their enduring commitment to education has enabled the ARS of Eastern USA to help hundreds of students pursue higher education while easing the financial burden on their families.



WHAT LEVEL OF EDUCATION ARE THEY PURSUING?

47 Undergraduate Students — **59%**

32 Graduate Students — **47%**

WHERE ARE THEY STUDYING?

65 Colleges and Universities

34% Public Universities/Colleges

56% Private Institutions

Harvard · Penn (University of Pennsylvania) · Cornell University · Dartmouth · UCLA · The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill · Columbia University · Brown · ASU · University of Maryland · University of California · Rutgers University · University of Massachusetts Amherst · University of Minnesota

Undergraduate Scholarship

Abigail Diaz
Alik Artinian
Alik Tahhan
Andrew Boldi
Andrew Gorgissian
Ani Avedian
AnnMarie Hazarian
Aram Bagdasarian
Arenie Vartanian
Cynthia Havatian
Diana Abramian
Dominic Kalpakgian
Dylan Diaz
Eddy Hazarian
Eduard Danilyan
Gayane Badalyan
George Asadurian
Gevorg Ghazaryan
Gohar Karapetian
Hrachya Sahakyan
Irena Melikyan
Karoon Krikorian
Krikor Iskenderian
Levon Sargsyan
Lilia Mkrtchyan
Lorin Kececioglu
Mane Torossian
Mariam Nersesyan
Mariana Bekarian
Monika Petrosyan
Nanor Danyal
Nareh Meghri Vartanian
Natalie Silvi Tenekedzhyan
Natalya Katcherian
Nicole Santerian
Nora Tarbinian
Philip Nareg Torikian
Ruben Khojoyan
Ruby Topalian
Siroun Buchaklian
Sophia Marangoudakis
Sylva Pinedjian
Tamara Nahapetyan
Tevene Sevanah Vartanian
Varduhi Izabell Tenekedzhyan
Yeraz Kaligian
Yeva DerKosrofian

Lazarian Graduate Scholarship

Gregory Akopyan
Davit Antonyan
Stephanie Arustamyan
Heather Bagdoian
Avedis Berenson
Barkev Daron
Araz Dulgarian
Arev Ebrimian
Emmelia Habib
Martina Kardashian-Sieger
Armine Kasabyan
Nairi Krafian
Ani Maroyan
Eliza Melkonyan
Mariam Mikayelian
Nataleen Orangian
Anna Sargsyan
Sargis Simonyan
Melanis Stepanian

Graduate Scholarship

Shantal Adajian
Galin Dishoyan
Shushan Grigoryan
Sona Khachatryan
Hayk Mardanyan
Armen Martirosyan
Mariam Poghosyan
Zorik Arthur Zakharyan
Tatevik Nalbandyan

Arpy Seferian Family Endowment Fund

Arpi Dilanchian

Karnig Alajajian Family Scholarship

Ejmin Panoosian
Zovag Seraydarian
Vana Jerjian

Hagop & Pearl Mooradian Scholarship

Varak Ghazarian

Areen Armenian Scholarship

A student at Melankton and Haig Arslanian Djemaran (Mezher, Lebanon)

The next Scholarship cycle opens January 2027.

ARS RESPONDS TO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS IN VENEZUELA

When devastating earthquakes struck Venezuela, led by the Central Executive Board of the Armenian Relief Society, a swift response was initiated to support those affected. Fundraising efforts began immediately to provide assistance to the people of Venezuela and its Armenian community facing hardship and to help address the urgent needs created by this humanitarian crisis. Throughout its history, the Armenian Relief Society has remained committed to responding to humanitarian emergencies wherever they arise, guided by a mission of compassion and service. This continued dedication is made possible through the generosity of our supporters, whose contributions allow ARS to act quickly and bring meaningful assistance to those in need.



ARS OF EASTERN USA HOSTED A REGIONAL SEMINAR AT AYF CAMP HAIASTAN

The Armenian Relief Society of Eastern USA held a productive seminar from June 5–7 at AYF Camp Haiastan under the theme, “Empowered Chapters, Enduring Communities,” bringing together members and ARS Supporters from across the Eastern Region for learning and discussion centered on strengthening community engagement and organizational growth.

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