2023-2024 FAIROUZAH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY, INSTRUCTIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS

Individual Award Amount: \$5,000

Eligibility and requirements for Students:

- At least <u>one</u> of your <u>parents</u>, or <u>one</u> of your <u>grandparents</u>, was <u>born</u> in Fairouzah, Syria. The FAA board retains its authority to confirm this information.
- 2. Acceptance to an accredited 4-year undergraduate university, or a full-time graduate program, in the United States of America for the next semester or quarter.
- 3. You will be **enrolled** as a full-time student, or a part-time student who is working, in the semester or quarter immediately after receiving the award. For this year, you must be attending the school or program in Fall 2024. You cannot skip the 2024 Fall quarter or semester, as that will disqualify you.
- 4. Your high school (or current college) GPA must be at least 3.25.
- 5. You must show a commitment to the FAA community by meeting the following requirements:
 - a. Each scholarship winner shall complete at least 10 hours of volunteer service at an FAA event or online tutoring. For example, you may volunteer at a party or other event, contribute articles or services to the FAA website, tutor students online in our tutoring program, or plan and participate in any other approved FAA activity in the year after you win the scholarship.
 - b. Scholarship winners **must** attend the FAA scholarship award ceremony to claim the scholarship. Dates will be announced to the winners as soon as they are known.
- 6. Note regarding past winners: The FAA board has decided that previous scholarship winners ARE NOT ELIGIBLE to reapply.
- 7. Students who are expecting other scholarships that will cover the FULL cost of their tuition and books, are NOT eligible to apply. <u>We will send the money directly to the school</u> for tuition/books. If your full tuition has already been paid, we cannot and will not require the school to save it for future semesters/quarters or to release it to you. It is your responsibility to provide us that information before applying or continuing with your application.

Deadline: <u>All</u> materials MUST <u>be received</u> by the FAA Scholarship committee by 11:59 P.M. on March 15, 2024. Absolutely NO exceptions! Please plan ahead when requesting your transcripts and letter(s) of recommendation. Do not wait until the last minute. We recommend requesting all necessary documents at least 4 weeks before the deadline.

<u>Contact Information</u>: All questions must be submitted to <u>faascholarship@gmail.com</u>. Please expect up to 48 hours for a response.

Application Instructions:

- 1. Completely fill out the FAA Scholarship Application form at <u>www.faanonprofit.com</u>.
- Have your <u>official</u> transcripts sent <u>directly to us from your school</u> to faascholarship@gmail.com. <u>Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted</u>. If your school does not offer electronic transmission of OFFICIAL transcripts, please have them mail it to us directly to the mailing address below. Do not mail it yourself.

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- 3. Transcripts, whether emailed or sent by U.S. mail, must be <u>received by March 15</u>, <u>2024</u>.
- 4. If applicable, submit a copy of any college or university <u>acceptance letter(s)</u> that you have received.
- 5. Write and submit <u>an essay</u> no longer than 3 pages (double spaced, 12-point font) on the <u>topic of choice</u> in the application.

*We strongly recommend having someone proofread your essay before submitting it.

- 6. Provide specific examples of how you will be able to contribute to the Fairouzah-American community in the future.
- 7. Submit at least one <u>letter of recommendation</u> (no more than 3 letters, please). The letter(s) must be professional, academic, or personal. The source may not be your relative or significant other. These letters must be received by March 15, 2024. The letters must come from the person making the recommendation and directly sent to the FAA Nonprofit Association at <u>faascholarship@gmail.com</u>. Please make sure you request any letters early and request that they put your name in the subject line.
- 8. Be available for an <u>in-person interview</u> with the scholarship committee (or part of the scholarship committee) in the month of April 2024. The date(s) for the interviews will likely be on the weekend of April 6 or the weekend of April 13. For qualified applicants living outside Southern California, a web-conference interview may be requested.
- 9. Winners must provide the FAA Scholarship committee with an UPDATE by email at faascholarship@gmail.com when they decide which school they will be attending. <u>May 3, 2024</u> is the <u>deadline</u> to inform us of the school you will be attending! If you have not been officially admitted by May 3, 2024 you are disqualified for this year's scholarship.