

The Hirair and Anna Foundation funding of Armenian students for Spring 2017

From year to year the number of applicants for the Hirair and Anna Hovnanian scholarship has been increasing. For Spring 2017 term the foundation got more than 5,000 applications from the students studying in local state universities. As the number of applicants have been increasing, competition and eligibility criteria are getting tougher. In particular, not only high academic performance and social insecurity of families are taken into consideration, but also any commitments to motherland the applicant has shown that far are prioritized.

After thorough considerations more than 700 students were selected and granted with full Spring term tuition coverage from Hovnanian foundation. For those who once got a scholarship from Hovnanian foundation and continue to show high academic performance, there is a good opportunity to apply and get a scholarship once a year for their undergraduate or postgraduate studies.

We continue to get letters of appreciation, and below are extracts from two of these:

1. "I was studying at high school in my home village Ohanavan and preparing for university entrance exams. My classmates teased me by saying that I didn't have any chance to get admitted without hiring a tutor. But after exams it became clear that my studies without a tutor gave a desired result. After a year of studies, university gave me a yearly tuition waiver in the amount of 10%, but I still had fears that my family couldn't afford the remaining amount, and because of nonpayment I would have been dismissed from the university. That is when and why I decided to apply to your foundation for scholarship. I can't convey my joy and happiness when you informed about positive result and an opportunity to continue my education. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for fulfilling my desire to study at the university with the major I've always dreamed of. I truly hope that I would meet your expectations in future." - sent by Ghazaryan Goharik.
2. "I was privileged to receive the Hirair and Anna Hovnanian scholarship and I am thankful for the opportunities it provides me. Presently I am a first year bachelor student at the Yerevan State Medical University, in the Faculty of General Medicine. I got financial aid in for covering the tuition fee of the second semester. Without this help, me and my family could not afford to pay the fee, as my parents have some financial difficulties. To me that support means much more than just a financial gift; it represents a belief in the promise of equal opportunity and a chance to be a good professional in the field that I have chosen. By providing resources to students who need and deserve it most, you help to ensure that one's economic situation is not a barrier to their intellectual growth. Moreover, you've shown through your willingness to award excellence that you believe in the power of education and its ability to better both the world and the individual. Everybody knows that education is the best and the most powerful tool via which the country may become more sustainable and influential. Thank You for your investment in my future!" – sent by Lilit Khachatryan.

