

American Zionist Movement
Helyn B. Reich Scholarship – Information for University Students

About the American Zionist Movement

The American Zionist Movement is a coalition that connects groups and individuals across ideological and religious spectrums to work to strengthen the connection of American Jews with Israel, facilitating dialogue, debate and collective action to further Zionism in the United States and abroad. AZM is the American affiliate of the World Zionist Organization, the Zionist Federation in the United States.

As part of its mission to develop young Zionist leadership in the next generation, the American Zionist Movement grants scholarships to a limited number of students for study in Israel. Scholarship recipients uphold a standard of excellence, demonstrating past pro-Israel activity and a commitment to future involvement with Israel and the Jewish community. Financial need will also be considered, though more emphasis will be placed on merit.

Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be American and studying at an American college or university with a **minimum GPA of 3.5**.
2. Applicants must have been accepted to study in Israel at an undergraduate program at Ben-Gurion University, University of Haifa, or Tel Aviv University for a minimum of one semester (Preference given to students attending for a full year).
3. Applicants must be actively engaged with pro-Israel activities on their college campus and/or Jewish community in the United States.

Recipients of the Helyn B. Reich Scholarship will be expected to remain involved with the American Zionist Movement following their return to the United States. Involvement may include promotion of the American Zionist Movement or one of its member organizations and attendance at AZM events and telephone and e-mail contact with future scholarship applicants.

Scholarship Instructions:

The scholarship application involves the following items:

1. Application Form
2. Financial Background Form
3. Official university transcript
4. Two Letters of Recommendation: Submit one letter from a leader in the Jewish community (i.e. rabbi, Hillel staff member) who can attest to your involvement in the Jewish community and pro-Israel activities. Submit another letter from a professor or academic advisor vouching for past academic performance.
5. Personal Statement: Submit a personal statement on the following topic. Statement should be two pages double-spaced, 600 words maximum.

What is your personal connection to Zionism? How do you define Zionism, and what does it mean to you to be a Zionist today?

6. Resume

Please mail application and supporting documents to:

**American Zionist Movement
633 Third Ave., 21st Floor
New York, NY 10017**

2009 application deadlines are as follows:

Spring Semester:

Full Year and Fall Semester:

Must be **received** by:

January 5

June 1

Scholarships will be determined within one month of the application deadline and scholarship funds will be sent directly to the university in Israel to be put towards the student's tuition.