

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 one of the following universities for a minimum of one semester (preference given to students attending for a full year).
 - Ben-Gurion University
 - University of Haifa
 - Tel Aviv University
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. Passport size photo of yourself – does not have to be your passport photo but should be a headshot type photo appropriate for posting on our website
3. Financial Background Form
4. Official university transcript
5. 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.

6. 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?

Please note that submitted application materials become the property of AZM. Email application and supporting documents as attachments to:

azm@azm.org

Handwritten or incomplete applications will not be accepted. To complete your application first fill out the application form. Next create a new PDF of your application and save it to your computer. If you do not already have the capability of creating PDFs on your computer you can download the free CutePDF Writer application at www.cutepdf.com.

In order to email the scholarship as an attachment fill out the application first online then click "print" and choose your PDF program. This will allow you to save the application as a file and send it as an attachment.

When submitting your application please include the names of the people writing your recommendations.

FALL 2018 applications must be received by: July 18 2018

All application materials including letters of recommendation must arrive by the deadline.

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.

All scholarship recipients are expected to write a report for AZM on their experience at the end of the semester.