**MEST Undergraduate Academic Scholarship**

The King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Arkansas offers scholarships for advanced undergraduate MEST majors who have demonstrated a serious commitment to study and excellent performance in the classroom. All prospective applicants must have secured admission to the U of A prior to the review of their application materials. Scholarship applicants must attain sophomore status (a minimum of 30 credit hours) by the beginning of the specified funding period and must declare a MEST major prior to application.

Applicants must secure positive recommendations from two faculty members; at least one recommender should be a faculty member affiliated with the MEST program. Transfer students are also eligible and should solicit letters from professors at their prior institution who can speak to their interest and academic potential. Financial need will be considered in awarding funding.

Full or partial scholarships are granted for 1 academic year (2 semesters) beginning in the Fall, and are renewable for up to 3 years (6 semesters) with approval. Scholarship awardees must maintain a 3.5 GPA in MEST core courses and a 3.25 overall GPA, and must continue to pursue a relevant course of study.

**The following application materials should be submitted to:**

King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies
416 N. Campus Drive

University of Arkansas - MAIN 202

Fayetteville, Arkansas, 72701

Applications may be submitted electronically to mest@uark.edu. Receipt will be confirmed via email; if receipt is not confirmed, it is the applicant’s responsibility to contact the King Fahd Center for confirmation prior to the application deadline.

**Your application must be submitted by the close of business on the day of the posted deadline, and must include the following:**

1. A completed MEST Undergraduate Academic Scholarship form;
2. A 2-3 page Statement of Purpose indicating the course of study and academic ambitions;
3. Two completed student evaluations, at least one by a MEST-affiliated faculty member at the University of Arkansas. Letters should be placed in separate envelopes and sealed with the evaluator’s signature across the seal on the reverse or be emailed directly by the recommender to mest@uark.edu.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1**

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| Name |  | Student ID# |  |
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| Telephone |  | UARK Email |  |
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| Majors/Minors |  |
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| Expected Graduation Date (semester and year) |  |

A separate sheet may be attached to address the following:

1. Area(s) of Academic Interest:
2. Previously completed MEST courses:
3. Academic/Artistic Awards or Prizes:
4. Participation in Special Schools or Institutes:
5. Extra-Curricular Activities:
6. Community Service and Leadership:
7. Special Considerations (details of financial need, or any other considerations you feel are important to your application for a MEST scholarship):

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