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 MEST Undergraduate Academic Year Scholarship applicants must have secured admission to the University of Arkansas and J. William Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences prior to the review of their application materials. Scholarship applicants must attain junior status (a minimum of 60 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 2 years (4 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
202 Old Main, University of Arkansas

Applications may be submitted electronically to Nani Verzon, hverzon@uark.edu. Receipt will be confirmed via email; if receipt is not confirmed, it is the applicant’s responsibility to contact the MEST Office for confirmation prior to the application deadline. Only completed applications will be considered.

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 Statement of Purpose indicating the course of study and academic ambitions;
3. Two completed student evaluations, at least one by a MEST faculty member at the University of Arkansas. These 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 hverzon@uark.edu.

Please address any questions about the application process to Nani Verzon, Program Coordinator for the King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies at hverzon@uark.edu or 479-575-2175.
MEST Undergraduate Academic Scholarship
J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Name ________________________________________________________________

Student ID# _________________________________________________________

Address _____________________________________________________________

Telephone ________________________________ Email _________________________

Majors/Minors _________________________________________________________

Expected Graduation Date (semester and year) _______________________________

Cumulative Grade Point Average __________________________________________

A separate sheet may be attached to address the following:

1) Area(s) of Academic Interest:

2) MEST courses undertaken thus far:

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):
Please provide a frank and candid assessment of the applicant’s current level of academic performance and his/her potential for future academic growth. Of particular relevance is the student’s demonstrated interest in the Middle East and/or North Africa. In addition, personal integrity, maturity, character may be used in your discussion. Letters may be sent to the MEST Office (King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies, ATTN: Nani Verzon, 202 Old Main, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701) or be emailed directly by the recommender to hverzon@uark.edu.

The MEST Undergraduate Scholarship Program

Selection for a Middle East Studies scholarship is reserved for the most intellectually curious and academically superior students. Scholarship recipients must declare and complete a Middle East Studies major in order to retain their scholarships. They must also maintain a 3.5 GPA in MEST core courses and a 3.25 overall GPA during their period of study at the University of Arkansas. Evidence of achievement in school and community leadership, participation in special schools or institutes in the U.S. and abroad, and recognition through academic awards or prizes are important criteria for selection. Financial need is also taken into consideration.

Name of Applicant

Printed Name of Evaluator

Title and Relationship to Applicant

Street Address

City, State, Zipcode

Email of Evaluator

Telephone Number

Signature

Date

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