



CENTER FOR ARAB
AMERICAN PHILANTHROPY



The Ebeid Family Fund Scholarship

About the Scholarship

It is anticipated that the Russell J. Ebeid Scholarships will be \$4,000 - \$7,500 per student and may be renewable for up to 4 years for students meeting the University's satisfactory academic progress standards for scholarships. The intent of this scholarship is to support underserved students studying STEM who are interested in cooperative education and an opportunity to become successful in their collegiate careers. The scholarship, combined with other financial support, will allow its recipients to gain from the same kind of experiences Mr. Ebeid had as a student.

About Russell J. Ebeid

Russell J. Ebeid was driven by a desire to make a difference in educational opportunities for underserved youth. This passion guided his philanthropy, including his decision to establish the Russell J. Ebeid Scholarship for underserved students pursuing education in college. Although neither of his parents finished high school, they instilled in Mr. Ebeid the value of hard work and strength of character. With their support, Ebeid rose from his working-class roots to become one of four directors of Guardian Industries and the Chairman of the Guardian Glass Group – world leaders in glass, automotive and building products sciences.

ACCESS has served the community for more than 40 years. Founded by a group of dedicated volunteers in 1971 out of a storefront in Dearborn's impoverished south end, today ACCESS is the largest Arab American human services nonprofit in the United States. Through its more than 100 programs, ACCESS works to create a just and equitable society for all, with the full participation of Arab Americans. In 2009, ACCESS founded the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP), a national community foundation that unites and empowers the Arab American community through strategic and collective giving.

Mr. Ebeid received ACCESS' very first "Making an Impact" award, established to recognize individuals who have made a positive impact by raising awareness of issues affecting their community. He was honored for his philanthropic contributions that serve as an example and role model for others. "I feel good about what I am doing. It takes work to be successful in your giving, but you feel better about giving back. I hope that my experience will inspire others to stand up...and give generously where they can," he said.

To read more about the Ebeid Family Fund, please visit the following link:
<https://www.centeraap.org/ebeid-family-fund/>

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Eligibility and Requirements:

- Must be currently enrolled or intending to enroll at one of the following schools:
 - Kettering University, Michigan Technological University, Ohio University, University of Detroit Mercy, University of Michigan-Dearborn, University of Toledo, Wayne State University
- Open to undergraduate students of any grade level (i.e. incoming freshman, sophomore, junior, senior)
- Open to students of any race/ethnicity (including international students)
- Must be studying a STEM Major
- Meet the GPA requirement:
 - Kettering University, University of Toledo, Ohio University, and Michigan Tech University:**3.0 or higher**
 - University of Detroit Mercy, University of Michigan Dearborn, and Wayne State University:**3.2 or higher**
- List service activities in community
- Must agree to provide career data upon graduation
- Must demonstrate financial need

Application:

1. To apply for this scholarship, you must first take our Eligibility Quiz to see if you qualify for this and other scholarships at CAAP. Take the quiz at
<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=access>
2. If you qualify for this scholarship based on your quiz results, you will be prompted to apply. The application process involves submitting a personal statement, two letters of recommendation, financial need information, high school or most recent college transcript (unofficial), and a resume or CV.

Financial Need Information

We no longer require a copy of your Student Aid Report. In lieu of this, please answer the financial need-based questions included in the application form. Much of this information can be taken from your student aid report. We know these questions are sensitive in nature. Please note your responses are confidential and will only be seen by CAAP staff and the review committee.

Personal Statement

Submit an essay of *no more than two and a half 8.5" x 11" typed, double-spaced pages, size 12 font, with 1-inch margins* describing the following:

- Career aspirations
- Reasons for choosing the career goal(s) and your preparation for career

- How you see yourself contributing in a unique way
 - If applicable, how you see yourself contributing in a unique way given your heritage
- What impact being an Ebeid Scholar would have on you
- Leadership and volunteer activities in your community and/or school

**** While AI can be a valuable tool for generating ideas, researching information, and checking grammar, we do not permit use of A.I. to fully write your essay. Please ensure your final work reflects your own story and unique writing style to maintain integrity**

Letters of Recommendation

Submit 2 letters of recommendation. Instructions and tips:

- Each letter must be signed and on official letterhead
- It is recommended that the individual recommender chosen by the student should be an educator, academic advisor/counselor, employment supervisor, or a community leader with whom the student interacts. It should not be a family member, friend, or student peer.
- Your letter writer must explain their relationship to you and provide their contact information within the letter. It is recommended that your letter should provide details about the students' personal, academic, or professional qualities and/or skills.
- Your letter must be submitted one week after the deadline or earlier. You will have the option to either upload the letter(s) with your application, or, if your recommenders prefer to deliver their letters directly to the Ebeid Scholarship Committee, our system will prompt you with instructions in the application to do so.

High school or Most Recent College Transcript

Submit your most recent unofficial high school or college transcript (unofficial).

If you have more than one transcript to upload, please upload it to the additional materials section. For example, if you have only completed one semester in your freshman year undergraduate program, you should also upload your high school transcript as well.

Resume or Curriculum Vitae

Submit a resume or CV that lists any work and/or volunteer experiences you've had. Also include any honors or awards you have received.