

Armenian Professional Society: 2023 Graduate Student Scholarship Scoring Rubric

	Below Average (1)	Average (2)	Above Average (3)	Excellent (4)	Superior (5)
Armenian Community Involvement (Résumé)	Little demonstrated involvement.	Minimal demonstrated involvement.	Demonstrated involvement, standing commitment.	Demonstrated involvement, standing commitment and affirmation of this as an integral part of professional life.	Highly valuable community involvement, concrete future planning, exceptional in all respects.
Grades, Academic Excellence	Neither under-performs nor excels in academic studies.	Performs well in academic studies.	Possesses an excellent academic track record.	Possess an impressive academic track record, distinguishing academic honors.	Possess an impressive academic track record, distinguishing academic honors, and key extracurricular commitments.
Discipline Specific Proposal	A significant challenge in the applicant's field was not identified. Ideas are not fully formed or are not original/innovative. A personal connection to the field was not established. Consistent writing mistakes or incoherency.	A minimally-impactful challenge was identified. Original ideas are present, but little effort is given to them or they are not presented well. Little personal connection. Some writing mistakes. Essay does not read/flow well.	An impactful challenge was identified. Ideas are fully formed and effort has been made to communicate ideas well and explain their innovation. Personal connection was established, but lacks passion. Few writing mistakes. Essay generally reads well, with some areas needing refinement.	A very impactful challenge was identified and explained well. Highly original or innovative ideas are presented clearly and communicated in an easily readable manner. Personal connection to the topic is passionate and the applicant expresses what addressing it means to them. Writing is concise and reads well, with very few mistakes. Writer exhibits the ability to think through complex issues with realistic solutions.	The challenge identified is extremely impactful and has broad implications, which the author clearly explains. Original ideas presented are unique in their approach to solving an exceptionally profound or complex problem. Applicant conveys clearly why addressing this challenge is a closely-held personal mission of theirs as well as what and/or who it would affect and why this is so important. Applicant demonstrates near-perfect diction and writing prowess. Essay is clear and follows a carefully planned discussion, which is presented in an exceptionally compelling manner.
Professional/ Armenian Community Statement	Applicant has made minimal community contributions, does not incorporate this as an aspect of their professional life. Consistent writing mistakes or incoherency.	Applicant has been somewhat involved with the Armenian community. Some writing mistakes. Essay does not read/flow well.	Applicant has been consistently involved with the Armenian community and has thought about their future contributions to some extent. Few writing mistakes. Essay generally reads well, with some areas needing refinement.	Applicant has demonstrated strong and consistent commitment to the Armenian community. Concrete plans are offered to the reader for how they wish to proceed. Demonstrates a good sense of personal drive and obligation. Writing is concise and reads well, with very few mistakes.	Applicant has demonstrated exceptional involvement with the Armenian community and has actively pursued leadership or highly critical roles. Applicant has or is already executing plans to make further contributions to the Armenian community. Demonstrates a strong sense of personal drive and obligation. Applicant demonstrates near-perfect diction and writing prowess. Essay is clear and follows a carefully planned discussion, which is presented in an exceptionally compelling manner.
Letter(s) of Recommendation	Letter does little to support the applicant.	Letter supports the applicant in a sufficient manner.	Letter is supportive of the applicant and presents compelling evidence that the applicant has a good professional track record.	Letter is strongly supportive of the applicant and presents them in a positive light with demonstrated strong considerations.	Letter presents compelling evidence why the applicant exceeds in all respects with key examples that set this applicant apart and exemplify their character.
Financial Need/Hardship	Minimal/no financial need or hardship.	Some financial need or hardship demonstrated.	Significant financial need or hardship demonstrated.	Highly significant financial need or hardship demonstrated.	Rare/unique situations that demand strong consideration.