



Disability Resource Center

**Dr. Fareed Haj Scholarship Endowment  
Florida International University**

*2018 – 2019*

The Dr. Fareed Haj Scholarship Endowment is available to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in or accepted for admission to FIU who are blind or visually impaired.

**Availability of Scholarships and Selection Criteria:**

For the 2018-2019 academic year, the University will award one (1) scholarship. The recipients will be selected on the basis of academic achievement and civic engagement. Financial need will also be considered.

**Eligibility Requirements for the 2018-2019 Academic Year:**

Scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in or accepted for admission to FIU.

1. Recipients must be blind or visually impaired.
2. Scholarship recipient must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits per semester.
3. Recipient must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.7.

**Application Materials:**

Each applicant must submit

1. A completed application form.
2. Documentation affirming that the applicant is visually impaired or blind.

**Applications for the Dr. Fareed Haj Scholarship Endowment:**

Scholarship applications are available online at [drc.fiu.edu](http://drc.fiu.edu) and at the Disability Resource Center, Modesto Maidique Campus, GC 190. Completed applications should be delivered to the DRC or emailed to the Disability Resource Center Scholarship Coordinator, Yesenis Garcia, at [yesegarc@fiu.edu](mailto:yesegarc@fiu.edu).

**About Dr. Fareed Haj:**

Dr. Haj who was known for his huge heart and the example of service to family and community. As a small child in Palestine, Dr. Haj contracted trachoma, caused by a bacterium that attacks the eyes, which left him blind. Throughout his life he developed an affinity for helping other like himself. As a young man, Dr. Haj won a scholarship to study in New York. This scholarship aims to honor Dr. Haj's lifelong journey and to provide a chance at a successful life for others by opening the door to Higher Education.

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Please complete all sections of the application. **The deadline for submission is August 3, 2018.**

**SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Panther ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

1. Please indicate your academic standing at Florida International University:

- Freshman     Sophomore     Junior     Senior     Graduate Student

2. Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Major(s) degree: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Academic Honors: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 3 – INVOLVEMENT**

List community/campus activities and volunteer work:

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**SECTION 4 – PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Please include a personal statement emphasizing your academic achievement, financial need, community service, extracurricular activities, future aspirations, and how this scholarship will help you reach your goals. **(500-word minimum)**