



The Palestinian American Women's Association Announces: **THE RACHEL CORRIE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 27, 2020

The Palestinian American Women's Association (PAWA) of Southern California established the Rachel Corrie Scholarship (RCS) Program to commemorate the life of American peace activist Rachel Corrie. It is in her honor and legacy that PAWA hopes to inspire future activists.

The goal of RCS is to empower young female activists in becoming leaders in their community by cultivating their cultural and political understandings of Palestine. The Rachel Corrie Scholarship Program will act as a tool in broadening the scope of campus activism by linking the struggles of student activists in Palestine to local students in the United States.

RCS Requirements - RCS is open to young women who are: graduate or undergraduate students; at least 18 years of age; have completed two years of undergraduate coursework; previous experience in community organizing and/or campus activism; minimum GPA of 3.0; and must be available to travel to Palestine on or before June 8, 2020.

The selected recipient of RCS will be enrolled in the Palestine and Arabic Studies (PAS) Summer Program at the prestigious Birzeit University. The scholarship includes the cost of travel, enrollment fees, and housing. For more information on Birzeit's PAS Program, please visit: <http://sites.birzeit.edu/pas/>.

TERMS OF SCHOLARSHIP:

- *RCS includes: enrollment at the Palestine and Arabic Studies (PAS) Program at Birzeit University; enrollment, application and processing fees; library fees; and living expenses for two months (shared-room)- placement is done through Birzeit University.*
- *RCS recipient must be able to travel to Palestine on or before June 8, 2020.*
- *Upon return from Birzeit, the award recipient will be expected to present her experiences and knowledge obtained while at Birzeit University.*
- *Recipient may be asked to participate and/or volunteer at any of PAWA's yearly events, including but not limited to: International Women's Day Banquet, Ramadan Iftar, and our Educational Series.*
- *The scholarship is not renewable and may only be awarded once per individual.*
- *The Rachel Corrie Scholarship recipient is required to have comprehensive travel medical insurance coverage for the entire length of the term program.*

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- *Must be in an undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited university/college*
- *Someone dedicated to the Palestinian cause*
- *Application and personal statement saved in a Google Doc format, copy of transcripts and recent photo emailed to coordinator of RCS, ([rcspawa@gmail.com](mailto:rjspawa@gmail.com)).*
- *A list of two people who can provide a reference check*

To apply for the Rachel Corrie Scholarship, please complete the application below or visit: www.pawasca.org
For more information and/or questions, please contact Jenien Barakat at rcspawa@gmail.com

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Application Instructions

Please fill out the following application. Submit via email: rcspawa@gmail.com

1. This application form (typed)
2. Personal statement (typed)
3. Electronic copy of transcript(s)
4. Two references
5. Recent picture of yourself/photocopy of ID

Contact Information

Full Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

Academic History

1. Name of Institution	
Address	
Dates of attendance	
Degree	
GPA	
2. Name of Institution	
Address	
Dates of attendance	
Degree	
GPA	
3. Name of Institution	
Address	
Dates of attendance	
Degree	
GPA	

Official Transcripts (electronic)

Please email official transcripts from each post-high school institution to rcspawa@gmail.com with your name + Official Transcripts in the subject line.

Two References

Please provide two references below. In the final stages of the nominee process, we'll contact your referral to obtain a reference check. The two people can and should be (but not limited to) professors, supervisors, grassroots organizers.

Name of Referee #1 Institution Relationship Email Address	
Name of Referee #2 Institution Relationship Email Address	

Student Activism, Extracurricular and Volunteer History

1. Name of Organization Dates of Involvement Position(s) Held Name of Supervisor (if applicable)	
2. Name of Organization Dates of Involvement Position(s) Held Name of Supervisor (if applicable)	
3. Name of Organization Dates of Involvement Position(s) Held Name of Supervisor (if applicable)	

Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Full Name	
Relationship	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability. Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in the Rachel Corrie Scholarship Program. Please feel free to contact, Jenien at rcspawa@gmail.com should you have any questions and/or concerns.

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as the RCS recipient, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Personal Statement

In the space provided, please address the following questions: How would you benefit from participating in PAS? What do you hope to gain? In what ways would you link your experiences as a young activist in the US to the experiences of youth in Palestine? How would you continue your commitment to Palestine beyond PAS? (1200 word maximum)