

The Kalaydjian Foundation Launches its “Support for Education” and University Scholarship Programmes

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The Kalaydjian Foundation is pleased to announce the start of two new programmes aimed at providing support for education at both secondary and advanced levels.

As part of its efforts to provide targeted support in the present difficult economic climate, the Kalaydjian Foundation has decided to provide an annual grant to all Cypriot students who are graduates of Narek elementary schools and are currently enrolled or will be enrolled in private secondary schools in Cyprus. This assistance, up to €400 per child, will be provided to all eligible applicants irrespective of their family’s income level, starting from the academic year 2009-2010. Families who would be interested in receiving this grant should submit an application to Mr. Hagop Kasparian by September 30th at the latest. Mr. Kasparian can be contacted on 22-429306.

The Foundation’s second programme is a scholarship that will provide free post-graduate education to gifted Armenian Cypriot students. The primary aim of this programme is to allow talented students, who would otherwise not have the chance to continue their education, the opportunity to receive a Master’s degree and therefore enhance significantly their career prospects. To that end, the Kalaydjian Foundation has signed a collaboration agreement with the American University of Armenia in Yerevan.

The American University of Armenia (AUA) is a US-accredited educational institution affiliated with the University of California and located in Yerevan. AUA’s academic programme provides English-language graduate education in Business and Management (MBA), Industrial Engineering, Information and Communication Technologies, Political Science, Health Sciences and Law.

Since its inception in 1991, it has provided advanced education to over 1,600

Armenians from all over the world. A major advantage is the fact that enrolled students from the diaspora live in the safe and beautiful city of Yerevan and make vital contacts and life-long friendships in their ancestral homeland.

The Kalaydjian Foundation aims to send one Armenian Cypriot student every year to the AUA for higher education, starting from the academic year 2010-2011. It will provide a full scholarship that will cover the entire cost of tuition. It will also offer advice and assistance on other issues, such as accommodation in Yerevan. The deadline for applications is 31st March 2010. The admission criteria are stringent and include an undergraduate degree from a recognised university or college in Cyprus or Europe/America, and suitable work experience. Interested parties should contact the Foundation on r.kalaydjian@cytanet.com.cy. More information on the AUA can be received at www.aua.am.

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