



Antiochia Scholarships Trust

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Making A Difference One Student At A Time

Frequently Asked Questions

Motto

"A tree starts with a seed" - Arab proverb

Vision

"Making A Difference One Student At A Time"

Purpose

To provide higher education opportunities in Canada and other developed countries to highly qualified and motivated students from the Greater Middle East.

Strategy

To secure tuition-free scholarships from partner universities, primarily in Canada, and raise funds for students' living and other expenses from private corporations and individual donors.

Funding

["Pay It Forward" Scholarship Campaign](#) seeks corporate and individual donations.

Founded

November 2013 – Vancouver, Canada

Founder and Chair

[Alex Olteanu](#), British-Canadian Social entrepreneur and academic

Headquarters

6236 Service Street, Burnaby, BC, V5H 1V8 Canada

Current scholars

6 candidates from Iraq, Lebanon and Syria (to begin studies in 2015)

Budget

- Full individual scholarships up to \$100,000 CDN per person
- All-volunteer staff at present

Legal Status

- Federal Canadian not-for-profit organisation
- Application for US 501(c) status pending
- Applying for Canadian tax-free status in future

Operations

- Interactive website fully operational
- Accepting and issuing receipts for donations in cash, by cheque, or by credit card.
- Commitments for first 10 students' travel and living expenses
- First 3 students accepted at Canadian post-secondary institutions at both undergraduate and graduate levels
- [Advisory Board](#) in place (members in Canada, USA, EU, the Middle East; senior officer of [Vancity](#), key financial partner, to join in near future)
- Accepting [new student applications](#) starting September 2014
- Initiating contacts with potential partner universities and Canadian financial institutions
- First "Pay It Forward" fundraising campaign begins in September 2014
- Planned press conferences in Vancouver and Toronto, television appearances on BC's *Multicultural Channel* and on *CBC*

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