

Raphael Recanati International School at Reichman University

RRIS Needs-Based Scholarship application for undergraduate students

Dear undergraduate students,

We are pleased to inform you that the application for the **RRIS Needs-Based Scholarship** is now open. You may access and complete the application via the Candidate/Student Information Station.

Please ensure that **all required documents are uploaded at the time of submission**, as incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

A. Who May Apply?

- ❖ RRIS students who has resided abroad until the beginning of the academic year or who have lived in Israel for less than five years.
- ❖ RRIS students who made Aliyah and have been living in Israel for less than five years (not including army service).
- ❖ Continuing RRIS students who previously received an RRIS scholarship may still apply for the needs-based scholarship, even if they have now lived in Israel for more than five years (not including army service).

B. Who Is Not Eligible to Apply?

- ❖ Students who do not pay full tuition (e.g., part-time students or exchange students paying tuition through their home university).
- ❖ Students whose rent exceeds the cost of Reichman University dormitories.
- ❖ Students whose studies extend beyond the required three-year program.
- ❖ Students who own real estate.
- ❖ Students who own a car must contact the Financial Aid Office to verify eligibility.

- ❖ Students who have not completed their required community service (volunteer hours) for their current scholarship.
- ❖ Students who have failed more than three courses and/or have a grade average below 60.
- ❖ Students found guilty by the Reichman University Disciplinary Committee.

C. Mandatory Documentation

To submit your application, you must upload the following:

- ❖ A detailed personal letter (minimum one full page, maximum two pages) describing who you are, your expected arrival date in Israel, your parents' financial background, your relationship with them, and the reasons for applying.
- ❖ U.S. students: must submit a Student Aid Index (SAI) from FAFSA.
- ❖ A copy of current apartment lease agreement in Israel, signed by both the landlord and the student, indicating the amount of monthly rent.
 - If residing in the Reichman University dorms, upload the first and last pages of the agreement.
 - If you are still abroad and do not yet have a lease, upload a PDF explaining the maximum rent you intend to pay and submit the signed lease as soon as it becomes available.
- ❖ Student's bank statements from the past three months (from your home country and/or Israel).
 - If you do not have a bank account, upload a PDF explaining why and how you manage financially.
- ❖ Student's salary slips from the past three months.
 - If not applicable, upload an explanatory PDF.
- ❖ Parents' bank statements from the past three months (all accounts).

- ❖ Both parents' salary slips from the past three months, or unemployment/pension documentation, as applicable.
- ❖ Parents' tax return/tax form for the most recent tax year.
- ❖ If student is married, include spouse's bank statements and salary slips (as listed above).

Important Notes:

- All financial amounts must be reported in **U.S. dollars (USD)**.
(Only the New Immigrant and Army Service sections should be reported in NIS.)
- Canadian and Australian students must also complete the application in USD.

D. If You Did Not Apply Last Year or Were Previously Rejected

Yes, you may apply. The scholarship application is open to all students who meet the eligibility criteria listed above.

Please be advised that the RRIS Needs-Based Scholarship is **not a full tuition scholarship**. It is intended to supplement other grants, bursaries, or scholarships you may receive.

If you are eligible for the Student Authority Grant, MASA, HESEG, IMPACT, or other grants — or if your home country offers student loans, grants, or scholarships — you are expected to pursue those options prior to applying for the RRIS Needs-Based scholarship.

While Reichman University is committed to supporting students in financial need, available funds are limited and allocated based on socio-economic criteria.

We encourage you to submit your application as early as possible. Early submission allows for a timely decision and will help you plan financially for the upcoming academic year.

If, after reviewing the information above, you still have questions regarding eligibility, please feel free to contact [Annette Behrendt](#) from the RRIS Financial Aid Office.
