

# **The Giving Back Scholarship**

*The Kteleh Foundation, Ibn Al-Haitham Endowment Foundation*

## **What is this scholarship?**

The Giving Back Scholarship is an effort to change the world, one student at a time. We very passionately believe that knowledge and education are the keys to a brighter, more peaceful future, and that each and every person deserves equal opportunity.

The scholarship is a one-time, interest-free loan to be paid back in terms decided on a case-by-case basis, but in no more than ten years.

The scholarship will be awarded in amounts and quantities decided by the scholarship committee, with half of the decided amount dispersed each semester of the August 2021 - May 2022 school year. Checks will be written to the student's school, and applied to his/her bursar account.

## **Who is this scholarship for?**

The Giving Back Scholarship is for students in US universities needing financial assistance in pursuing higher education. Special consideration will be given to applicants from war-torn, impoverished countries, as well as those with significant financial hardship.

## **What are the criteria for applicants/recipients?**

We welcome applications from students either entering or already enrolled in college. Applicants should display perseverance, dedication to their communities, academic excellence, and passion for leadership.

High school applicants entering college should have a 3.5 GPA *and* a total SAT score of at least 1200 *or* an ACT score of 23.

College applicants must be able to show a 3.2 GPA.

## **How can students apply?**

Students are encouraged to visit [\*\*TheKtelehFoundation.org\*\*](http://TheKtelehFoundation.org) and follow the instructions listed, which will include a request to email a general application (to be provided on the website), a copy of unofficial transcripts, test scores, a character reference and a personal essay.

The personal essay should be approximately one page and answer the questions, “In what ways do you ‘Give Back’ to your community? What inspires you to do so?”

Top applicants will be invited for a Zoom interview, and the committee will decide on the recipients for the scholarship. All applications are due by ***Friday, March 26, 2021.***

Review process, interviews, and decisions to follow immediately after and be finalized by ***April 30, 2021.***