Richard Melik Simonian
1932 - 2018

Richard “Dick” Simonian, a prominent Worcester attorney and founder of the law firm, Simonian and Murray, lived most of his adult life in Worcester, while maintaining a residence in Watertown, MA.

Born in New York City to Rose and Avedis Simonian (a Genocide Survivor), he graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard College in 1954 and Columbia Law School in 1958. He spent his junior year at the Paris Sorbonne University where he enrolled in French Studies and learned to speak French fluently. He traveled to many other countries and in his later years, enjoyed numerous trips to Armenia.

A proud Armenian, Dick was involved in the Armenian communities of Worcester, Watertown, Washington, D.C. and Armenia. He served on the Board of Trustees of the Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief. It was through SOAR that he became committed to supporting individual orphans and their pursuit of higher education. He also worked tirelessly to have the United States recognize and acknowledge the Armenian Genocide. Apart from his serious endeavors, Dick’s love of life, sense of humor and great storytelling brought joy to those around him, both young and old.

With education being of utmost importance to Dick, in his lifetime he laid the groundwork for the Richard Melik Simonian Charitable Trust to benefit students in the Armenian communities of Massachusetts by providing scholarships to those most in need. This Trust is currently managed by Christopher R. Mitchell and Michael B. Murray, as Co-Trustees.

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RICHARD MELIK SIMONIAN CHARITABLE TRUST
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2022

The Richard Melik Simonian Charitable Trust Scholarship is a competitive scholarship granted each year to students of Armenian descent who live in or attend school in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. **Awards are based primarily on financial need, with consideration given to character and academic achievement.** Awards may be used toward college, graduate school or other educational program. **Awards will be determined by May 15, 2022.**

Requests for applications may be made to Christopher R. Mitchell at (508) 792-2800, Ext. 228 or cmitchell@chwmlaw.com.

**By April 15, 2022, please return:**
1. The completed application
2. Your most recent school transcript ( unofficial is fine)
3. A copy of the financial aid form you submitted to the university/program, (FAFSA or other form)
4. One letter of recommendation from a teacher/professor, advisor, counselor, or member of the community who is not a relative

Return application materials by **April 15, 2022** to:
Christopher R. Mitchell, Trustee
Richard Melik Simonian Charitable Trust Scholarship Committee
370 Main St, Suite 970
Worcester MA 01608

- In fairness to all applicants, all questions must be completed.

If a question does not apply to your circumstance, please tell us why. For example, if you are a completely self-supporting graduate student, and do not expect financial assistance from your family, you may skip the questions about mother’s and father’s income.

If you cannot provide the information or have questions, please contact Christopher R. Mitchell at (508) 792-2800, Ext. 228 or cmitchell@chwmlaw.com.

- All information is kept strictly confidential.
RICHARD MELIK SIMONIAN CHARITABLE TRUST
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
For Academic Year 2022-2023

I. Personal Information

Phone: ______________

Name of Applicant: ________________________________

School presently attending: _________________________

Home address: ________________________________

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Date of Birth: ____________ Place of birth: _________________________

Mother’s Name: ________________________________

Living? Yes _____ No _____ Occupation: _________________________

Place of employment: ____________________________

Self-employed? Yes _____ No _____

Father’s Name: ________________________________

Living? Yes _____ No _____ Occupation: _________________________

Place of employment: ____________________________

Self-employed? Yes _____ No _____

Number of dependent brothers and sisters: _____

Age School/college Year Total annual cost Occupation if employed

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__________________________________________

Is either parent responsible for the support of any other person? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain: ____________________________________________
I. School or Program Selection

Name the university or program you plan to attend in the fall.
If you are still waiting for acceptances, please tell us:

First choice: ________________________________
Address __________________________________
Second Choice: ______________________________
Address __________________________________

Will you live at school? Yes ____ No ____

If you are currently at college or graduate school, what is your anticipated major? _____________

Expected year of graduation? ____ Degree _____

Estimate of next year’s expenses:

Tuition ________________________________
Room and board __________________________
Fees ___________________________________
Books, travel, etc _________________________
Total __________________________________

III. Income sources

Parent’s income: Father Mother

Annual earnings ____________________________

Other income (explain) ____________________

How much will be available for your college or graduate school expenses?

Parents/relatives __________________________
Your own savings __________________________
Other (explain) ___________________________
Total __________________________________
IV. Financial Aid Information

Have you applied for financial aid?  
Yes _____ No _____

Have you received the financial aid package?  
Yes _____ No _____

If yes:  
Amount non-repayable grants ______________

Amount loans ______________

Amount work study ______________

Total ______________

If you received financial aid for university or program last year, please indicate how much you received from:

Non-refundable grants ______________

Loans ______________

Work study ______________

Total ______________

Have you applied for or received other scholarships?

Source ______________ Amount ______________

Source ______________ Amount ______________

Have you or a sibling ever received a Richard Melik Simonian Charitable Trust scholarship?  
Yes _____ No _____

If yes, Amount ______________ Year ______________

Describe any unusual financial circumstances that make a scholarship necessary.
V. Other Information (Attach a separate sheet if you prefer)
List other activities or interests:

List any honors received:

Describe any work or volunteer experience:

Describe your connection to or involvement with the Armenian Community:

Is there anything else you would like the Scholarship Committee to know?

I confirm that I am of Armenian descent through my:

Parent(s) Name(s): ____________________________
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Grandparent(s) Name(s): ____________________________
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Great-grandparent(s) Name(s): ____________________________
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Other: Name(s): ____________________________
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____________________________________
Date

____________________________________
Signature

Thank you for this information. We assure you that all information is strictly confidential. Please contact Christopher R. Mitchell with any questions at (508) 792-2800, Ext. 228 or email at cmitchell@chwmlaw.com.