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From Uniform to University

**The scholarship program for IDF
discharged soldiers**



Giving them a world of opportunities

Program Description

In 2016, Israel's Minister of Defense and the IDF Chief of Staff announced a new program for discharged IDF soldiers - "From Uniform to University".

This program provides academic scholarships to IDF soldiers who were recruited for military service as from July 2013, and were honorably discharged.

"Uniform to University" is a revolutionary, comprehensive social welfare program that show our appreciation to discharged soldiers for their service and contribution to the State of Israel. Through the generous donations of supporters, IDF discharged soldiers will gain a higher education, enabling them to integrate more effectively into civilian life.

Eligibility is for discharged IDF combat soldiers or soldiers from special population-disadvantageous backgrounds, financial support, lone soldiers, new immigrant and soldiers from Israel's minorities.

"From Uniform to University" program provides funding of 2/3 annual tuition fees. Scholarships are provided for three academic years. Students enrolled in engineering or medicine studies receive funding for four academic years.

Scholarships are funded thanks to the generosity of donors from Israel and worldwide, all contributions are through "Yahad" – United for Israel's Soldiers

In recent years, thousands of discharged IDF Soldiers commenced academic studies with the support of "From Uniform to University" program.

Join us and support this revolutionary program

Yearly study fees based on university costs:

\$2,000 per discharged soldier per year

\$6,000 full degree (three years)

\$8,000 full degree (four years – medicine/engineering)

*The donor will receive a thank you letter from the student

Personal Stories

Alexander

Dear Donor,

First of all I wanted to thank you for your generosity and all of your assistance in my studies. It is thanks to generous people like yourself that I and so many others can continue to receive our higher education and hopefully go on to be part of the growth and future of the state of Israel.

My name is Alex. I am 24 years old and in my third year studying Electrical Engineering at Bar-Ilan University. I grew up in New Rochelle, NY, and after I graduated high school I came to Israel to study in a Yeshiva for a year before starting university back in the United States.

Being surrounded by the people and learning more about the land and its importance I felt the need to stay and make my life here, part of which is drafting into the army. I drafted in March of 2014 into Totchanim (Artillery) and after a year became a commander in my unit. The eight months I spent as a commander helped me learn a lot about myself, my friends, and about being part of Israeli society.

After finishing my service I returned to my Yeshiva to complete my Hesder service and following that I began my studies here at Bar-Ilan.

This scholarship allows me to save up significant amounts which would otherwise need to be used for rent, tuition and basic groceries. Having this scholarship allows me to continue to live and succeed in this country while my parents still live abroad (they hope to come as well at some point).

Thank you again for all of your help,
Alexander



Personal Stories

Sarah

Dear Donor,

My name is Sarah. I am 23 years old and currently beginning my second year studying Psychology in the Interdisciplinary Center in Hertzeliya. I grew up in Rockland County, New York, and moved to Israel in August 4 years ago. I am the youngest in my family and the only girl with four older brothers.

I served for two years as a combat medic in the Combat Engineering Corp 605.

I was the only girl medic in my unit out of 500 men and served a meaningful service all over the country. We had guarding months in the freezing mountains in the Hermon to the border of Egypt and Gaza. Apart from saving injured soldiers, we also were on call medics for any civilians nearby giving medical treatment to anyone in need. It was an incredible honor to feel needed at such a young age and given the responsibility and encouragement from my team every day.

After serving two full years of service, I applied to the Interdisciplinary Center in Hertzeliya where I am studying to receive a BA in psychology and hopefully move on to medical school afterwards. I am a fulltime student and managing a 90 average. I also work part time to pay for rent and bills and with your help, I can pay for my degree and continue to learn in Israel and become the person I am hoping to be.

I am grateful for the opportunity to receive financial help with my studies because it helps me make time for volunteering as well.

Once a week for 5 hours, I volunteer at the Ichilov hospital in Tel Aviv through a cancer organization. Each week I help cheer geriatric patients who are lonely without visitors or any extra help that the nurses and doctors need around the ward. It is an extremely rewarding experience and I am lucky to be able to be of help to whatever they need.

I'm honestly so grateful and appreciative for all that you are giving me. I couldn't be moving forward with my life without your generous help so thank you again and wishing you all the best!

Sarah



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