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**AMERICAN DRUZE SOCIETY**  
*Houston Chapter*



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**ADS HOUSTON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Section 1: Objective

To provide an annual scholarship to individuals from the ADS Houston Chapter that facilitates the pursuit of undergraduate education at accredited institutions.

Section 2: Program Description

Under the scholarship program, the ADS Houston Chapter will award, annually, one scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 to one individual starting in 2007. The program will also sustain each individual scholarship up to a maximum of three additional years (subject to meeting eligibility requirements) starting in 2008 in a staged manner.

The sustaining scholarship will be staged as follows: \$1,500 in 2008 (one individual), \$3,000 in 2009 (two individuals), and \$4,500 in 2010 and beyond (three individuals). As such, this scholarship program will be supporting a minimum of four students by 2010 on an annual basis. The ADS Houston Chapter Board of Directors will administer this program and may recommend adjusting the amount of the award or the number of recipients based on the availability of funds, chapter, and community needs.

Section 3: Eligibility

1. Must be a regular member of the ADS HOUSTON CHAPTER in good standing at the time of application.
2. Must be a graduating high school senior or a currently enrolled undergraduate student in good academic standing.

Section 4: Selection Committee

1. A Selection Committee will evaluate all annual applications for this scholarship program in accordance with the Trust Document requirements and recommend the individual(s) for the scholarship(s) to the ADS Houston Chapter Board of Directors.
2. The Selection Committee will be made up of two ADS Houston Chapter Board members and two to three diverse members from the community.
3. The Selection Committee members will be selected at the Annual Business Meeting and shall serve for the current calendar year for which a scholarship(s) is being awarded.



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**Section 5: Award Selection Criteria**

The following criteria shall be utilized by the Selection Committee to recommend recipients for the annual scholarship awards:

1. Evaluation of initial or renewal application form and supporting documents.
2. Academic achievement including grades/GPA, rank in class, standardized test scores, etc.
3. Community/Extracurricular involvement.
4. Personal attributes.
5. Letters of recommendation.
6. For the sustaining scholarships, demonstration of good academic standing through transcripts/grades for the school year.

**Section 6: Award Duration**

1. Each award will cover one academic year and may be extended for an additional three years, for a maximum of four years of support per recipient.
2. No recipient may receive more than four years of support.

**Section 7: Provisions for Initial and/or Sustaining Scholarship Award**

1. Availability of funds.

**Section 8: Funding of the Scholarship Program**

1. The scholarship program will be funded through annual fund raising activities, individual donations, business donations, and the growth of the fund through investment/interest income from the balance in the scholarship fund account.
2. It is the intent that the scholarship fund will eventually reach a level that is self sustaining from the investment income the fund generates.
3. The ADS Chapter Board of Directors shall deposit all scholarship funds in an account separate from all other ADS funds.
4. The ADS Chapter Board of Directors will ensure that the scholarship funds deposited earn interest and/or investment income in a manner that allows the fund to grow but as a minimum, preserves the principal value of the funds deposited into the account.
5. The ADS Chapter Board of Directors shall provide a detail financial account of the scholarship fund at the Annual Business Meeting.



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Section 9: Continuation and Ending of the Scholarship Fund

1. The scholarship fund program is intended to benefit the Houston area Druze community and its continuation is dependent on the community needs and the willingness of the community to support it.
2. If in the future, the scholarship program is determined to be unsustainable because of the lack of funding, need, or interest from the Houston Chapter and community, the program may be discontinued by a majority vote at the Annual Business Meeting. In that event, the remaining funds shall be distributed in the form of scholarships in accordance with the Trust Document until the fund is depleted.
3. The scholarship program shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the ADS Chapter Board of Directors to assess its effectiveness and continued benefit to the community. The Board will provide an update and recommend continuation, adjustments to the program or termination of the program at the Annual Business Meeting.
4. Majority vote by the members of the Chapter will be required to terminate the scholarship program at the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 10: How to Apply

1. Print the application from the web-site or request a copy.
2. Fill in the application and mail with the supporting documents.
3. Application submittal period: January through May.
4. Deadline: June 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Award Announcement: June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Information

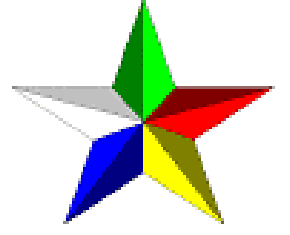
ADS Houston Scholarship Program Selection Committee  
c/o ADS Houston Chapter  
3322 Pebble Beach, Pearland, TX 77584

Section 11: Amendments to the Trust Document

This trust document may be amended by the Houston Chapter Board of Directors with the exception of Item 4 in Section 9 of this document.



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Approved by: Houston Chapter Board of Directors:

President: