



# Armenian Relief Society

UNITED NATIONS NGO INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION FORM

## Program Information

### Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations

***WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS***, determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

*to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and*

*to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and*

*to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,*

***AND FOR THESE ENDS*** to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours, and to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and

*to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and*

*to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,*

***HAVE RESOLVED TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS***

*Accordingly, our respective Governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the UNITED NATIONS.*

## Summary of ARS Aims

As an independent, non-governmental and non-sectarian organization, with affiliate entities in 27 different countries serving the social and educational needs of communities everywhere, seeking to preserve the cultural identity of the Armenian nation and,

Whenever and wherever the need arises, to bring humanitarian help to all communities in distress, Armenian and non-Armenian alike,

The Armenian Relief Society pursues the following aims:

To promote the educational, social, health and welfare of the communities;

To enhance the education of the Society's members and

Encourage their involvement in public service;

To encourage participation in local organizations engaged in community activities and social services compatible with the principles of the Society; and

To cooperate with organizations and groups with similar humanitarian aims.

## ARS-NGO STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Having lost One-a-half million of their people and over three quarters of their ancestral lands to the crimes of genocide and ethnic cleansing at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century – a tragedy of stunning proportions that is gradually gaining official recognition by the world community – the Armenians approach issues of war and peace, aggression and discrimination with understandable sensitivity and concern. Furthermore, having waited for over three quarters of a century for recognition and restitution, the Armenians feel the need and obligation to subscribe to the cause of universal justice for all peoples, all ethnic groups, all minorities threatened by oppression.

Thus, driven by to promote the establishment of a just world order, Armenian groups are becoming active as NGOs within the structure of the United Nations Organization.

Today, firmly based on humanitarian principles espoused in both the Armenian Relief Society's bylaws and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the ARS, as an international Non-Governmental Organization on the roster of ECOSOC, promotes world peace through active commitment to causes that foster human rights, mutual assistance, and respect amongst people whose dignity is guaranteed by their right to self-determination and cultural and development in freedom and security, the elimination of aggression as a means of settling disputes, and the rule of law based on equal opportunity and social justice.

With those principles in mind, the ARS directs its activities within the UN, parallel to its on-going relief and humanitarian work, towards the following specific areas:

### HUMAN RIGHTS

- a. Promoting the cultural development and physical welfare of minorities, including women, children, the elderly, and all other vulnerable groups.
- b. Educating them as to their rights and obligations within the wider community of the dominant culture.

### THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION

- a. As a guarantee against the genocidal process of ethnic cleansing, promoting the acceptance by the international community of the right to self-government for people living on their ancestral lands under foreign rule.
- b. To save threatened cultures, promoting awareness of and interest distinct ethnic languages, music, art, religious beliefs.

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## Conditions of Internship

- The ARS UN/NGO Intern program consists of throughout the year.
- All candidates must be recommended by an ARS entity upon which an application form will be sent to them. All final decisions are made by the Central Executive Board.
- The ARS accepts no responsibility for costs arising from the accidents and/or illness incurred during an internship. Therefore, candidate for internship must show proof of valid regular as well as major medical insurance coverage.
- For those who have no place to stay in NYC the ARS will pay for adequate accommodations upon agreement of the ARS CEB.

## Responsibilities

- Support key functions of the Armenian Relief Society United Nations Committee in New York.
- Participate in activities related to above priorities and attend related meeting at the UN, and with partner organizations.
- Assist with preparation and dissemination of materials including meeting notes and reports
- Conduct basic research and assist with preparation of documents, proposals, presentations of collateral for meetings.
- Assist with preparation, execution, and follow-up of ARS events and meetings at the UN or in relation with including assisting with logistics, invitations and reports.

## Eligibility Requirements

- Be enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate or PhD degree program. Applicants enrolled in an undergraduate school must have completed at least one year of full-time studies.
- Candidate is ideally expected to intern full-time, though we can accommodate students' schedules as needed.
- Strong communications (including web and social media), organizational and interpersonal skills.

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Form to be filled by Applicant

(Please, read the material supplied on the first four pages before completing this form)

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
_____	_____	_____	
Last Name	First Name	Middle	
_____	_____		
Gender	Marital Status		
_____	_____	_____	_____
Address	City	State	Zip Code
_____	_____	_____	_____
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)	Citizenship	City/ Country of Birth	
Email: _____	Secondary Email: _____		
Home number: _____	Cell number: _____		

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT I HOLD A HEALTH/ ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY WITH THE FOLLOWING INSURANCE COMPANY:

\_\_\_\_\_

Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION			
_____	_____	_____	
Last Name	First Name	Middle	
_____	_____	_____	_____
Address	City	State	Zip Code
_____			
Relationship			
_____	_____	_____	
Email	Home number	Cell number	

HIGHER EDUCATION		
_____	_____	_____
University Name	Degree (full title)	Degree expected (mm/yy)
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LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS						
Knowledge of Languages (specify)	Reading		Writing		Speaking	
	Easily	Not Easily	Easily	Not Easily	Easily	Not Easily
Computer Skills (specify)						

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION
Indicate preferred period of time for internship (Please, provide approximate dates):
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

*I certify that the statements made by me in answer of the foregoing questions are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (mm/dd/yy)