

ASRF NEWS

AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

We continue to evacuate young women from Afghanistan to Albukhary University in Malaysia

WE HAVE 15 STUDENTS THERE AND ARE LOOKING TO HELP 7 MORE BEGIN SCHOOL IN OCTOBER

It costs us **\$19,000 USD** to get a student out of Afghanistan and to Malaysia, equipped for school and with enough support for their entire four years.



Although they provide a full-ride scholarship, Albukhary does not provide the funds or the means for them to get there. They've asked ASRF if we're able to get them out and to **school on time**.

We committed to trying, although warning them that this last-minute ask means we don't have the funds in our budget. ASRF can get them out safely to a third country and then onward, but to make it all happen, we need **sponsors** for these amazing young women.



ALL of our 15 students in Malaysia attending Albukhary University made the Dean's List for the 2025-26 school year!



**Safely on the Path
to Education**

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New website coming in late September!

The Afghan Scout Relief Fund is a tax deductible 501(c)(3) organization. If you would like to receive a copy of our financials, including spending breakdown pie charts and IRS Form 990s, please email **info@afghanscoutrelieffund.org**.

Would you consider sponsoring or gathering a sponsoring circle to get a student out?

Third Country Pathway

We are setting up a new operation in Tajikistan to allow students to travel to Malaysia and other countries to study. For more information regarding the specifics of our funding needs for this, please contact ASRF President Steve Gates.



Sarah Banin Qarizada

A Journey of Strength, Education, and Purpose. From Challenges to Dreams

I am Sarah Banin Qarizada, an Afghan girl born in Kabul in 2003. From a young age, I believed that education is a responsibility—not only for myself but for every girl who never got the chance. After graduating with distinction and passing the Kankor exam, university doors closed for Afghan girls. But I refused to give up.

I continued learning online in leadership, English, computer skills, and AI, and later taught other Afghan girls. I was selected for the WFP Digital Literacy program and advanced AI training, where I became a project manager and led impactful work.

With determination, I earned admission to Albukhary International University, and through ASRF support, I continued my journey despite many challenges.



Thank you, ASRF, for believing in me when everything felt impossible. Your support didn't just change my journey—it revived my hope. I carry this opportunity with a grateful heart and a promise to make it worth it.

MALAYSIAN STUDENT EXPENSES - 19K

- Visas to Tajikistan (\$4600) - \$2300 per visa including Mahram
- Admin/misc costs in both the US and Afghanistan, including supporting Underground Railroad personnel (\$4000).
- Computer that will last their four years and is powerful enough (\$1700).
- Dorm supplies (\$800).
- General stipend for essentials (\$1200/year - \$100 monthly X 4 years = \$4800).
- Travel to Tajikistan (\$150).
- One month stay in Tajikistan (\$600 room/board).
- Malaysian visa (\$800).
- Malaysian yearly visa renewal (\$300 X 3 = \$900)
- Flight from Dushanbe to Malaysia (\$900).

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