



Supporting our Student Reservists in the IDF

REBUILDING LIVES AND RESTORING ACADEMIC DREAMS

The Student Reservists Scholarship Fund

Investing in IDF student reservists is an investment not only in their future, but also in the future of our resilient nation. Since October 7th, over 2,000 University of Haifa students answered the call to duty, bravely defending our country and providing security to both citizens and visitors alike. These young heroes exemplify the spirit of service and sacrifice that defines our nation.

As the 2024/25 academic year approaches, we are committed to supporting these brave individuals in their return to campus life. The University of Haifa is dedicated to offering a comprehensive support package to ease their transition and lighten their burden. This initiative aims to address the unique challenges faced by student reservists as they resume their academic pursuits.

Your contribution will enable these young students to rebuild their lives, heal from their experiences, and pursue their dreams with renewed hope and strength. Together, we can ensure that their service to our nation becomes a stepping stone to a brighter future.



Now More Than Ever, They Need Our Support

A significant cohort of the University of Haifa's student body is currently on reserve duty. Many of them had part-time jobs to support their studies and families, but those plans are now on hold. The urgent need for financial aid is compounded by an unprecedented demand for mental health services. Immediate psychological support is crucial to address post-traumatic stress and prevent struggling students from falling behind or dropping out.

Credit: IDF Spokesperson's Unit



The Student Reservists Scholarship Fund recognizes the dedication of the young men and women who serve in the IDF, providing security to citizens and visitors alike. Your support will help them continue their education and tackle the challenges facing Israeli society.

Unique Challenges Facing IDF Student Reservists

As they rejoin civilian life, our student reservists face unique challenges. Many are grappling with significant financial burdens compounded by the war's economic impact. Juggling tuition fees and living expenses is difficult enough, but a significant number have also lost part-time jobs that supported themselves and their families during their studies. This added financial strain complicates their transition and underscores the urgent need for our support.

Many student reservists are struggling with the dramatic shift from military duty to academic life. Stress, anxiety, and PTSD threaten their well-being and academic success. In response, the Dean of Students Counseling Center has expanded its staff by nearly 50% to 47 professionals to meet the increased demand from student veterans. A 24/7 emotional assistance hotline also provides immediate support, serving as a lifeline during their reintegration.

Request for Support

Your support will honor our students' sacrifice and service and enable them to achieve their full potential. Please join us in transforming lives by contributing to our scholarship fund.

Annual tuition is \$3,500 per student.



- » We are seeking to raise \$3.5 million to support 1,000 deserving students. Your gift will make a difference.
- Priority will be given to **combat and combat-support soldiers**, with an emphasis on supporting outstanding student reservists who come from Israel's peripheral areas, low-income families and/or disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds.
- Scholarship recipients are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress.