



TURKISH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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"Hayatta en hakiki mürşit ilimdir." Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

**Çocuğu okut; bundan büyük sevap yoktur.
Educate a child; no good deed is greater than this.**

— From a tombstone in Aydın

Dear friend of schoolchildren,

The smiles on these girls' faces are just the beginning of the TEF story. These are the faces of children who have been given a chance to continue their education thanks to TEF and our generous benefactors like you. They do not know your names, but they know that they have received a treasured gift—the gift of education, a gift that will change their lives. These students, and all of us at TEF, are grateful to you for helping them realize their potential and for giving them a brighter future.



Turkey's economy has been growing rapidly, but poverty still remains the norm in many gecekondur shantytowns and rural areas. Economic hardship prevents many children, especially girls, from continuing their schooling. A small amount of financial assistance often makes the difference between staying at home and going to school, between dropping out and gaining a future.

TEF continues to partner with leading educational organizations in Turkey who directly reach out to bright children in impoverished areas who otherwise might not attend school. The scholarships we give are very modest by American standards, averaging about \$400 a year, but that is the margin that enables these children to stay in school. They are bright, they want to learn, and when given a chance, they shine. When we read the reports about our students who have earned awards or certificates of excellence, or have gained acceptance to prestigious universities, we feel a measure of satisfaction that TEF contributed in a meaningful way. And we recognize that their accomplishments are a reflection of you, the generous donors who helped them realize their dreams.

Because we are an all-volunteer organization, our overhead remains very low, typically under 2% of our expenditures. We take care to ensure that your donations serve the purpose for which they were given, and go directly to the children in the form of scholarships.

Last year, with the funds you donated, we supported nearly 400 children in Turkey. With your help, we hope to meet and surpass our goal of educating 400 children this year. We realize that for every child we support, there are many others whom we cannot reach yet, and we hope that you will continue sharing our dream to educate as many children as possible.

TEF's purpose is to enable bright children from low-income families to complete their secondary education. The need remains huge, but every \$400 that we send to Turkey means one more child is given one more year of education. We ask that you continue your ongoing support and even be more generous this year. On behalf of our children, we thank you for taking part in this noble venture.

Respectfully,

Duygu Demirlioğlu. President

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- I/We would like to join TEF.
- \$30 Individual \$50 Family Other _____
- Yes, I/we support the **Aydın Bir Türkiye İçin Elele** campaign.
- Bir Mum** (One Candle) \$400 will support **one student**.
About \$1 a day covers the educational expenses of a student for a year.
- Yeni Ay** (New Moon) \$2,000 will support **5 students**.
- Ay Yıldız** (Moon and Star) \$4,000 will support **10 students**.
- Dolunay** (Full Moon) \$10,000 will support **25 students**.
- Güneş** (Sun) \$20,000 will support **50 students**.

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TEF's education program reached \$226,100 and 378 students last year

T.E.F scholarship awards reached a record \$226,100 in fiscal year 2012-13. Our expenses, mainly mailing costs, were limited to \$2,718, or only 1.2% of expenditures. We awarded scholarships to 378 secondary school students from all parts of Turkey, with an average of \$400 per student. In addition we were able to support Darüşşafaka and Nesin Vakfı thanks to a very generous donation directed to these highly respected organizations.

Organization	Students	Total \$
Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği	235	\$82,100
Anadolu Çağdaş Eğitim Vakfı	80	\$40,000
Türk Eğitim Derneği	16	\$20,000
Gündoğdu Çağdaş Toplum Gönüllüleri Derneği	22	\$12,000
Kadın Araştırmaları Derneği	25	\$12,000
Darüşşafaka		\$50,000
Nesin Vakfı		\$10,000
TOTAL	378	\$226,100

A Call for Volunteers

TEF is looking for folks like you to join our team of volunteers. If you live in the San Francisco Bay Area, come join us at our next board meeting. If you live in the greater United States, send us an email and we would be happy to work with you online. Please contact TEF Trustee Kutay Üstüner at ustuner@pacbell.net.

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