



# TURKISH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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"Hayatta en hakiki mürşit ilimdir." Mustafa Kemal Atatürk



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*"Thank you very much for giving us scholarships... We love you very much. We will never forget you; please don't forget us... You are sending us money; we promise to study very hard and make you proud of us."* – Dilara



Nasıl imkansız gökteki  
Yıldızları saymak  
İste öyle imkansız  
Sizi = **UNUTMAK**

*"I want to study medicine or genetic engineering... I know I will have to study very hard to get into a good university... I was first in my class last year... You will never be ashamed of me."* – Ayşe



Dear friend of school children,

Everywhere in Anatolia, we have children yearning to go to school—children with talent, with determination, with hopes, but without financial means. They, and often their parents, know that education opens doors; they realize it is key to escaping poverty and reaching a brighter future. However, many parents are too poor to afford school expenses; they keep their children at home, sometimes to work, sometimes to be married off when they grow older.

TEF's goal is to help break this cycle of poverty that robs children of education that in turn leads to more poverty. The financial difference between attending school and quitting is often surprisingly small. As little as a dollar a day can often tip the balance in favor of staying in school. Our aim, in collaboration with respected educational non-profits, is to reach out to impoverished areas of Turkey and award scholarships to bright children who otherwise cannot go to school. The financial assistance given to each student is small by our standards, but even this small amount often makes it possible for the student to stay in school rather than drop out and go to work.

We monitor the progress of the students; we receive their grade reports. The students try hard to prove that they are worthy of their scholarships; they get good grades and awards; they complete their secondary education; they gain admission to good universities. They try to make us—and you—proud. For the last forty-five years we have seen them excel in school, to graduate and become productive adults. Their success is our reward and our joy.

Many of us at TEF were able to continue our education because we received scholarships. We invite you to extend a similar helping hand to a child, to share a small part of your good fortune with a child who is not as fortunate. Please light another candle in Anatolia; this season, sponsor a high-potential, low-income child in Turkey. You will receive nothing in return but the knowledge that you helped give a future to a deserving child.

Sincerely,  
Duygu Demirlioğlu, President

*Turkish Educational Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to educating needy children in Turkey.  
All donations and membership dues are tax deductible.*



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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**.  
     **Dolunay** (Full Moon)      \$10,000 will support **25 students**.  
     **Güneş** (Sun)      \$20,000 will support **50 students**.

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### 429 students received TEF scholarships last year

In fiscal year 2014-15, TEF awarded \$157,800 in scholarship aid to 429 students in collaboration with the organizations listed below. In addition, we sent \$51,000 to Darüşşafaka. We granted aid to students from all parts of Turkey, with an average of \$370 per student per year. Our operating expenses were under \$4,000, about 2% of expenditures.

Organization	Students	Total
Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği	255	\$90,000
Anadolu Çağdaş Eğitim Vakfı	90	\$40,500
Gündoğdu Çağdaş Toplum Gönüllüleri	70	\$21,000
Kadın Araştırmaları Derneği	14	\$6,300
Darüşşafaka Cemiyeti		\$51,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>\$208,800</b>

**A heartfelt Thank You  
and Warmest Wishes  
for the Holiday Season  
from all of us at TEF  
and the children  
that you support!**

Please keep TEF in your thoughts in this season of giving. May we count on your generous donation to help more schoolchildren continue their education?

"My family barely gets by on my father's retirement income. I am going to school and working part-time... This scholarship makes me work even harder. Because of this scholarship, I am able to be less of a burden to my family." – Havva

"My father works as a hammal (porter) at an open air market... I have four siblings. We live in a gecekondu (shanty hut). We don't have running water or electricity. At night I study with an oil lamp, but it is difficult." – Gamze

"My father is a doorman; my mother is a housewife... When I grow up I want to become an architect... I am working very hard to accomplish my dreams." – Sinem

Sayın büyüğümüz bize bu para yardımını yoptığınız için çok teşekkür ederim. Çok mutluuyum. Bu parayı hizmete kullanacağım. **COOK TES EKKÜR EDERİM**