



## **Naji A. El-Khalil '00 Scholarship**

**History:** This scholarship was initiated in 2004 by alumnus, Naji El-Khalil '00, to provide support to students who have given back and made a positive contribution to their Thunderbird community through their involvement on campus and commitment to Thunderbird.

### **Criteria:**

- Applicants must be enrolled in any of the full-time degree programs at Thunderbird.
- Applicants must be enrolled in their second, third or fourth trimester.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing (3.000 – 3.599 GPA).
- Applicants must have demonstrated participation as a Thunderbird student in activities within the Thunderbird community.

**Message from Naji:** I have said this before and I will say it again; Thunderbird “runs” in my veins. That is how committed I am to this wonderful institution and its people (students, faculty and staff) who have given me so much from day one. And that is why I jumped at the opportunity to work there for a few years before coming back home and joining the family business. But that was not enough and that is why I have set up this scholarship because I feel the need to keep giving to the Thunderbird community in one way or another. I do hope you will benefit from this scholarship. However, I must ask a few questions first. I want to turn the tables around and ask you, now that you have spent at least a trimester at Thunderbird and I am sure you would agree, have gained so much on a personal and academic level, how are you planning on giving back to this institution? What are you doing or what are you going to do to help leave your mark on Thunderbird and its community?

### **Process:**

- Applicants must submit a resume of Thunderbird activities and involvement and a two page essay on how you are planning on giving back to this institution and what you are doing or what you are going to do to help leave your mark on Thunderbird and its community?
- The Thunderbird Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and selects the top candidates to submit to Mr. El-Khalil for recommendation.
- Mr. El-Khalil provides his ranking selection to the Thunderbird Scholarship Committee where final selection is made.

### **Award Amount:**

- Awarded each Spring trimester based on donations received by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year.

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