

Raey Hiwot Scholarship

Congratulations on receiving the Raey Hiwot Scholarship! This scholarship helps young women from Hageresalam Woreda, Tigray, Ethiopia to continue their education. Raey Hiwot was started in 2012, and is run by a team of volunteers in the United States and Ethiopia. Funding comes from donations, from friends and family of the volunteer team. So far we have funded 37 students, many of whom are now in college or university studying law, accounting, teaching, or other subjects - or they have graduated and are working! We believe in each and every one of the scholarship recipients, and we are dedicated to your education and success!

Selection criteria:

- We select young women who are:
 - academically strong
 - at risk of not starting or not continuing high school for financial reasons

How the scholarship works:

- Scholarships help you with living expenses, such as rent, school supplies, and uniforms.
- We create a bank account for you so we can give you the scholarship.
- Money will be deposited in your account once per semester: in late August and in January. The money is deposited only **after** you give proof of school enrollment.
- Here are the amounts of the scholarship:
 - Secondary school:
 - 9th and 11th grade: 1,300 birr yearly (650 per semester)
 - 10th and 12th grade: 1,200 birr yearly (600 per semester)
 - Private or public college: 1,700 birr yearly (1,350 per semester)
 - Private or public university: 2,000 birr yearly (1,000 per semester)
- We will also give each student a one-time sum of 400 birr to buy a phone

Important things to know:

- This is your bank account. Feel free to deposit or withdraw money as you normally would. We will monitor the account to make sure it is active. We will never take any money from the account, prevent you from withdrawing from the account, or close the account.
- We will continue giving you the scholarship as long as you are in high school, college, or university. We do not fund graduate studies (i.e. masters, PhD).
- We will give you an additional 500 birr the semester after you graduate from college or university. We will not give the 500 birr if you drop out before graduating.
- By accepting the scholarship, you agree that we may share information about you on our website and with donors, including photos, your first name, and information about your schooling. Please let us know if this is *not* ok with you.
- Join our Facebook group: Raey Hiwot!

Your responsibilities:

- Each semester, **before** you receive the scholarship money, you must:
 - Give Hailemichael Gebreslassie (of the Ethiopia Commercial Bank in Hagere Selam) proof of your enrollment for that semester
 - If you are in college or university, you must also tell Hailemichael:
 - the name/location of your school
 - your year of study (i.e. first, second)
 - whether your school is public or private
 - your field of study (i.e. law, teaching, accounting)
- You must give Hailemichael your current telephone number, as well as email address and /or facebook information. If your contact information changes, let Hailemichael know the new information.
- Each student is strongly requested to maintain a current telephone where we can reach you.
- We may contact you from time to time to learn how the program is going for you.

Raey Hiwot Contacts:

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns, or ideas about how to improve this scholarship program.

Name	Role	Phone	Email
Hailemichael G/slassie	Bank coordinator		
Tigi Wilson	Ethiopia liaison		
Laura Harris	US coordinator		

We wish you every success. Thank you for letting us be a part of your education and your future!

- The Raey Hiwot Team: Hailemichael Gebreslassie, Laura Harris, Kristina Kastler, Paul Harris, and Tigi Wilson