

ISLAMIC CENTER OF MINNESOTA SCHOLARSHIP 2008 - 2009

INTRODUCTION

The Islamic Center of Minnesota (ICM) Scholarship Fund was endowed in 1992 with the vision to be available annually to the college students based upon their academic achievement, financial need and service to the community.

The Islamic Center of Minnesota board is pleased to announce the renewal of the past promise made to the community and to students to acknowledge the hard work and commitment they have been showing in serving the community as the ambassadors of Islam.

We are looking forward to making the dream of the initial donors a reality on a more consistent basis in acknowledging our youth. We seek the support of the community with your duas, feedback and financial assistance Insha'Allah

ELIGIBILITY

The purpose of the ICM Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to outstanding youth in our community, who are the resident of Minnesota, to encourage higher education.

To be considered for the ICM scholarship, an applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

- The applicant of the ICM scholarship must be a full-time student registered for a degree program in an accredited college or university. Students in their senior year of high school, or at any level of college education, may apply for the next academic year.
- The children or dependents of the Committee are not eligible to apply or receive the scholarship.
- **Two recommendation** letters from non-family members who are familiar with your leadership and character will be required
- Applicant must be Muslim, and a resident of the state of Minnesota
- All appropriate documents along with the application form must be postmarked no later than **July 31st, 2008**.
- A minimum GPA of 2.5 (on a scale of 4.0) is required

The following criteria will be used by the selection committee:

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

- **GPA and Academic Excellence** - An Official Transcript From the school/college/university showing full time student, past grades and the courses registered as applied
- **Community Involvement & Extracurricular Activities** - Experience from the past 5 years and please make sure you provide references and supporting documents
- **Two Letters of Recommendations** - One from a school teacher and the other from an Islamic organization
- **3 Personal Essays** – As asked in the application on no more than 3 pages. Please use examples to support your points
- **An Official Transcript** - From the school/college/university showing full time student, past grades and the courses registered as applied

- **ICM Membership** – If you are an ICM member(Individual/Family) and know your membership number, write your membership number on the application.

DEADLINES

Please note the following deadlines that the applicant will need to meet to be considered for the award:

TASKS	DEADLINE
Completed Application	July 31 th 2008
Notification Sent to Applicants	August 31 st 2008
Distribution of Checks	September 15 th 2008

SCHOLARSHIPS:

The following award policy will be put into place for the 2008 – 2009 year:

- Checks will be issued in the name of the recipient and the institution
- Scholarship Awards are one-time only and are non-renewable. Award recipients from previous year(s) will need to reapply every year to be considered along with other applicants for the scholarship award.
- The ICM Scholarship Committee will be solely responsible for all matters related to the scholarship and the scholarship fund.
- The ICM Scholarship Committee's decision will be final
- For the 2008 – 2009 year ICM Scholarship Committee will be awarding **\$10,000** in scholarships listed below

AWARDS	AMOUNT
ICM Financial & Merit Award I	\$2000
ICM Financial & Merit Award II	\$2000
ICM Financial & Merit Award III	\$2000
ICM Merit Award I	\$2000
ICM Merit Award II	\$1000
ICM Merit Award III	\$1000

NOTE:

1. Don't forget to indicate if you are applying for a financial merit award in the application form and provide the needed financial information to support your case.
2. Recipient of this scholarship will need to talk to community for 3-5 minutes on the scholarship awarding event.
3. Additional papers can be use if needed.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____ **Y/N Number:** _____
 Last First MI ICM Membership

Mailing Address: _____ () _____
 Number and Street Apt. No. Phone:

City State Zip Code EMAIL Address

EDUCATION HISTORY

_____ () _____
 Name of High School Phone City and State

_____ Cumulative High School GPA
 Graduation Date (mo./yr.)

_____ () _____
 Name of College Phone City and State

_____ Cumulative College GPA
 Graduation Date (mo./yr.)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please feel free to attach another sheet with your application form following the same format as listed below. Don't forget to give your references with their name and contact information.

Work Experience Name/Description	Description Role/Type of Work/Offices Held	Date No. of Years	Reference(s): Name/Relationship/Contact Info

Community/Volunteer: Name/Description	Description Role/Type of Work/Offices Held	Date No. of Years	Reference(s): Name/Relationship/Contact Info

Clubs/Organizations: Name/Description	Description Role/Type of Work/Offices Held	Date No. of Years	Reference(s): Name/Relationship/ Contact Info

PERSONAL STATEMENT

On a separate sheet, please answer the following three questions with examples & references as needed. Your response must be typed with no more than three double-spaced pages.

1. Please explain your educational ambitions and how you feel a scholarship would help you attain them
2. How do you see your current education contributing to your career field and your community?
3. What inspires you to work in your community? Why do you think you are the right person to solve them? What are the most important attributes and skills you use to strengthen your community? Give examples.

Please check one of the boxes below to indicate your application filing status:

Financial Need Based Merit Based

NOTE: If you check **“Financial Need Based”** box than you will need to submit a certified copy of your **FAFSA**. Please explain on no more than a one page typed document your special circumstance that should be considered along with the FAFSA.

SIGNATURE:

I acknowledge that I have read the instructions for submitting for ICM Scholarship and I certify that the above statements and document attached are correct and complete. I understand that the evaluation of all data submitted on my behalf will be performed by an impartial and independent selection committee. The decisions of the committee will be based upon the criteria as set forth by the plan and will be final in the selection of the scholarship recipients. In addition, if selected as a recipient of this scholarship award, I agree to support the development and growth of the community and the scholarship fund.

Student Signature _____ Student Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____ Date _____

To be completed by staff:		
Applicant Number: _____	Total Points: _____	Selection Committee Member: _____

Deadline July 31th, 2008

Return application and other materials to:

Attn: ICM Scholarship Committee
 1401 Gardena Avenue NE
 Fridley, MN – 55432