

M.Y.A. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The pursuit of knowledge and higher education are the cornerstones of faith and success in this life. By the Grace of the Almighty [swt] and with the support of generous donors, the MYA is hereby offering five scholarships, each worth \$1,000 for college and university students across Canada.

Description

Five scholarships of \$1000 each will be awarded to students pursuing education in one of the following five categories:

Category	Area of Study
1. Media, Journalism, and the Arts	Studies in the fields of media, journalism, or related Subjects such as Art, Drama, Graphics, Politics, etc.
2. Philosophy and Religion	Studies into the understanding of Islamic beliefs. Canadian-based students studying, or planning to study at a <i>Hawza</i> are encouraged to apply in this category).
3. Education and Humanities	Studies in Education, Humanities, Social Studies, and related subjects.
4. Women in Higher Education	Exclusively for Muslim Women pursuing education in college or university in ANY field of study.
5. Excellence in Academics and Community Service	Students pursuing education in ANY field of study, e.g. Medicine, Business, Computers, Law, Pharmacy, etc. who who demonstrate exemplary balance between excellence in education and outstanding community service.

Guidelines

Eligible applicants can apply to a maximum of *two* scholarship categories. However, there will be only one award per recipient.

Application Deadline	26 Rabi' al-Awwal, 1426 A.H.	Thursday May 5, 2005 8:00 pm E.S.T.
Recognition at I.H.S. Tabligh Conference	11 – 12 Rabi' al-Thaani, 1426 A.H.	May 20 – 21, 2005

Procedure

Applications are available online and at www.MuslimYouth.ca and at your local Masjid / Centre. Submit your complete application by mail or online ASAP!

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are:

- 17 years old or above (as of May 5, 2005)
- Currently enrolled as full-time or part-time students in any Canadian post-secondary institution (with degree or diploma granting status)
- Able to demonstrate an ability to excel in academic performance
- Able to demonstrate financial need
- Are followers of the *Ja'fari Madhab* (i.e. *Shia Ithna-Asheri* Muslims)

Applicant Requirements

In order for your application to be deemed complete, it must include the following:

- Application form
- Description / list of extra-curricular activity and community involvement. (maximum 250-words).
- Description of how your career will serve Islam (maximum 250-words).
- Copy of most recent official academic transcript (Fall/Winter 2004 term)
- Evidence of enrolment and course load registration for 2005
- A letter of reference describing your work in the community
- Brief statement of financial need, if applicable, i.e. how will the scholarship help you meet your financial obligations (maximum 200-words).

Selection Process

Each application will be assessed in complete confidentiality by a panel of evaluators. Scholarships will be awarded based on the following three criteria in equal parts: ***academic merit***, ***financial need***, and ***social/community contribution*** of the applicant. This awards are open of Shia Ithna-Asheri youths from all and any cultural / language backgrounds.

Application Deadline

The application deadline is on **Thursday May 5, 2005 at 10:00pm E.S.T** at which time all applications must be ***received***. Please submit you application to:

M.Y.A. Scholarship Program
150 Bean Crescent, Ajax, Ontario L1T-4K3
Or by E-mail: Scholarship@MuslimYouth.ca

Additional Information

We welcome your questions or concerns. For further details, please contact:
M.Y.A. Scholarship Co-ordinator at Tel: 1 (905) 426-9703

The Muslim Youth Association (MYA) is an umbrella organization serving Shia Youth groups from across Canada. For more information and to get involved, visit www.MuslimYouth.ca MYA is a branch of the I.H.S.