Ladies of the Islamic Center of America Scholarship Program Deadline to apply: Friday February 25, 2022

Ladies of the Islamic Center of America's Luncheon Committee is excited to announce its sixth annual scholarship program. Our goal is to aid young Muslim women as they pursue higher education and accomplish their dreams.

This scholarship application is open to female Muslim women seniors (12th grade) currently attending Dearborn High, Edsel Ford, Fordson and Crestwood High Schools and have definite plans to attend college. Students will have the opportunity to compete for a \$1000 scholarship towards college expenses. One recipient will be selected from each high school, and scholarships will be issued directly to winners.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 1. The scholarship is open to female Muslim high school seniors attending Dearborn High, Fordson, Edsel Ford, or Crestwood High Schools. Applicants must have plans to attend college.
- 2. The scholarship will be issued in the form of a check to the recipient directly. The ICA will request prior verification that the student does have plans to attend college post graduation.
- 3. Applicants should demonstrate exceptional merit, leadership, and upholds values of young aspiring Muslim women (i.e. kindness, generosity, patience, etc).

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. All students competing must provide a letter of recommendation from one teacher discussing why the student deserves the scholarship.
- 2. Applicants must submit a copy of high school transcripts.
- 3. Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative GPA.
- 4. Each student should submit an essay between 500 750 words, answering the following question:

In accordance with this year's theme, "An Arabian Brunch," think about the ways in which Arab culture is often conflated with the religion of Islam. What are some similarities in Arab culture and Islam that you find enhance your practice as a young Muslim woman. On the flip side, you might choose to discuss how you attempt to separate Islam from Arab culture as you navigate your faith and identity. You are also welcome to discuss both perspectives. You do not need to be of Arab descent to address this question.

Please submit a copy of your letter of recommendation, official transcript, essay, and contact information to Lory Fakih (Loryfakih@yahoo.com)
Include as subject line: Ladies of the Islamic Center of America-Scholarship Applicant.

All submissions are due no later than Friday February 25, 2022 by midnight. No late entries will be accepted. Winners will be notified via email and will be honored at the annual Luncheon on March 5, 2022.