

**Ladies of the Islamic Center of America
Scholarship Program
Deadline to apply: Friday, February 2, 2024**

Ladies of the Islamic Center of America's Luncheon Committee are excited to announce its eighth annual scholarship program. 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, 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. Winners must verify identity with the ICA before scholarship can be issued.
3. Scholarship winners are ineligible for the subsequent ICA general scholarship. All other applicants will be forwarded for consideration for the general scholarship fund of the ICA.
4. Applicants should demonstrate exceptional merit, leadership, and uphold values of young aspiring Muslim women (i.e. kindness, generosity, patience, etc).
5. All applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Submission Requirements:

1. Submit a copy of your high school transcripts.
2. **Optional:** a letter of recommendation from a teacher OR include a resume that highlights extra curricular activities and initiatives centered on community service.
3. Submit an essay between 500 - 750 words, answering the following question:

In accordance with this year's theme, "*Travel Around the World*," think about global connectivity in our diverse world as experienced through the lens of being a young Muslim woman. Share your insights on the ways in which Islam can serve as a bridge between cultures, fostering understanding, unity, and appreciation for our shared humanity. You may also reflect on personal experiences or aspirations related to travel and how these interactions contribute to breaking down stereotypes, building connections, and promoting cross-cultural dialogue. Consider the role of young Muslim women in shaping a more interconnected world and discuss the unique perspectives, challenges, and opportunities that come with navigating this global landscape.

Please submit your essay, official transcript, and contact information to Lory Fakh (Loryfakh@yahoo.com).

Include as subject line: Ladies of the Islamic Center of America-Scholarship Applicant.

All submissions are due no later than Friday February 2, 2024 by midnight. No late entries will be accepted.

Winners will be notified via email and will be honored at the annual Luncheon on February 10, 2024.