

## ISLAMIC CENTER OF MINNESOTA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION 2010 - 2011

### SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

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

The Board at the ICM is pleased to announce the availability of **9** scholarship awards – totaling \$16,000.00 - for the upcoming academic year 2010-2011. These 9 awards are divided into two separate categories. The first category is designated as *“ICM Financial Need & Merit Awards”*. For this category, demonstrated financial need will be the primary judging criterion followed by academic excellence and community service. There are 3 scholarship awards in this category. The second category is designated as *“ICM Merit Awards”*. For this category, scholarships will be awarded based primarily on academic achievement and service to the community. There are 6 scholarship awards in this category. Please carefully review the information contained throughout this application form, select the appropriate application category and make special note of applicable deadlines.

It is the sincere hope of the ICM Board and Council that these scholarship awards will help inspire a new generation of community leaders who will serve as ambassadors of Islam, Insha'Allah. We wish each applicant the very best of luck!

### SECTION II: ELIGIBILITY

The purpose of the ICM Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to outstanding youth in our community in order to encourage the pursuit of higher education. To be considered for the ICM scholarship, an applicant must:

#### ELIGIBILITY:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Be a <u>full-time</u> student registered for a <u>degree</u> program at an accredited college or university. Students in their senior year of high school, or at any level of college, may apply for the next academic year. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Completely fill out this application form and submit all supporting documents by the officially notified deadline of <b>July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b> .   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a scale of 4.0).  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Submit at least two letters of recommendation. These letters should be written by people who are unrelated to the applicant and who have   |

had the opportunity to assess and observe the candidate's academic/work performance, community service, leadership contributions and/or personal character.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Be a Muslim, and a legal resident of the state of Minnesota
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT be a child or dependant of any member of the Scholarship Committee.

The following criteria will be used by the selection committee:

<b>SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA &amp; REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>GPA and Academic Excellence</b> – Must submit an official transcript from the school/college/university attended showing completed course-work and grades.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Demonstrated Financial Need</b> – Required only for applicants for the Financial Need + Merit-Based Scholarship Awards. Must submit documents and financial information in order to establish financial need (for example, a certified copy of federal tax form 1040 for tax year 2009)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Community Involvement &amp; Extracurricular Activities</b> - Provide description of services rendered, personal references and supporting documents, wherever necessary, covering a period of up to 5 previous years.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Two Letters of Recommendations</b> – Submit two letters or recommendation; one from a school teacher/instructor/professor and the other from an Islamic organization.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Two Personal Essays</b> – Submit two personal essays as outlined in the application form. The essays may be no longer than 2 pages each. Please use concrete examples to support your opinions.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>ICM Membership</b> – Provide proof of ICM membership. If you are an ICM member (Individual/Family) please provide your membership number.

### **SECTION III: APPLICATION DEADLINES**

Please note the following application deadlines. All applicants must submit completed application forms and all supporting documentation by **July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010** in order to be considered for an ICM scholarship award.

<b>TASK/STEP</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Submit Completed Application	July 16 <sup>th</sup> 2010
Notification Sent to All Applicants	August 15 <sup>th</sup> 2010
Distribution of Checks	August 21 <sup>st</sup> 2010

## SECTION IV: SCHOLARSHIP AWARD POLICY & AWARD AMOUNTS

The following scholarship award policy will be followed for the year 2010– 2011:

- Checks will be issued in the name of the recipient and the institution
- Scholarship awards are non-renewable. Candidates, including award recipients from previous year(s), must reapply in order to be considered for a scholarship award.
- The ICM Scholarship Committee will be solely responsible for all matters related to the scholarship award and the scholarship fund.
- The ICM Scholarship Committee's decision will be final
- For the 2010 – 2011 academic year, ICM Scholarship Committee will award **\$16,000** in scholarships as listed below:

AWARD	AMOUNT	CRITERIA
ICM Financial Need & Merit Award I <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$2,000</b>	Financial Need + Academic Achievement + Community Service
ICM Financial Need & Merit Award II <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$2,000</b>	Financial Need + Academic Achievement + Community Service
ICM Financial Need & Merit Award III <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$2,000</b>	Financial Need + Academic Achievement + Community Service
ICM Merit Award I	<b>\$2,000</b>	Academic Achievement + Community Service
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ICM Merit Award II	<b>\$1,000</b>	Academic Achievement + Community Service
ICM Merit Award III	<b>\$1,000</b>	Academic Achievement + Community Service
ICM Merit Award IV (Journalism Students Only)	<b>\$2,000</b>	Academic Achievement + Community Service
ICM Merit Award V (Law Students Only)	<b>\$2,000</b>	Academic Achievement + Community Service

**NOTE:**

1. Please clearly indicate if you are applying for a financial need + merit award in the application form and provide the needed financial information to support your case. These awards take demonstrated financial need into account.

**SECTION V: APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street Apt. No. Phone ( )

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code EMAIL Address

**EDUCATION HISTORY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of High School Phone City and State ( )

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date (month/year) Cumulative High School GPA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of College Phone City and State ( )

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date (month/year) Cumulative College GPA

**ICM MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Are you a member of the ICM? Yes/No

If Yes, Please Provide Membership Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

In case you need more space for listing extracurricular activities, please attach another sheet of paper with your application form. Please follow the same format as listed below. Identify references with names and include contact information.

<b>WORK EXPERIENCE</b>				
Company Name	Position/s Held	Duties/Role/Accomplishments	From - To	Reference(s) Name/Relationship/Contact Info

<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEER</b>				
Organization Name	Position/s Held	Duties/Role/Accomplishments	From - To	Reference(s) Name/Relationship/Contact Info

<b>EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b>				
Organization/Club Name	Position/s Held	Duties/Role/Accomplishments	From - To	Reference(s) Name/Relationship/Contact Info

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**PERSONAL ESSAYS**

On separate sheets of paper, please answer the following two questions. Please provide examples and references as needed. For each of the two essays, your response must be typed and should be limited to no more than two double-spaced pages.

1. Please explain your educational ambitions. How would an ICM scholarship award help you attain them?
2. What inspires you to work in/for your community? Why do you think you are the right person to lead your community or to address the needs of your community? Please provide concrete examples wherever necessary.

**SECTION VI: FILING STATUS**

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

Financial Need + Merit Based

Merit Based Only

**NOTE:** If you check “**Financial Need + Merit Based**” box than you will need to submit a certified copy of your 2009 federal tax return form 1040 and supporting documents (as indicated in the next section below). If necessary, you may also - on a separate sheet of paper – explain any special circumstances that the scholarship committee must take into account in evaluating your financial need.

**SECTION VII: FINANCIAL INFORMATION** *(Required Only For “Financial Need + Merit Based” Applicants):*

*Please indicate your tax filing status. If no one can claim you as a dependant for tax filing purposes, you must apply as an ‘Independent Student’. If, however, someone can and did claim you as a dependant on previous year’s (2009) tax forms, you must apply as a ‘Dependant Student’.*

Filing Status:  Independent Student

Dependant Student

Number of Dependants in the Household<sup>1,2,3</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of College Students in Household<sup>4</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Household Income<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Tuition at the University/College<sup>5</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list any other scholarship or financial aid award received for academic year 2010-2011 below.*

Scholarship/Financial Aid Award Amount<sup>6</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

1. Please submit a copy of tax year 2009 federal tax return form 1040 in order to establish annual household income and the number of dependants (if any).
2. For independent students, a dependant is defined as someone who relies on the student for all or part of their financial support. Dependants must clearly be listed on federal tax form 1040.

3. For dependant students, the number of dependants in the household includes everyone listed as a dependant on federal tax form 1040.
4. Please indicate the number of college students in the household including you.
5. Submit a copy of University/ College Tuition bill.
6. Please attach a copy of the award letter.

**SECTION VIII: SIGNATURE**

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the instructions for submitting an application for an ICM Scholarship Award. I certify that all information, statements and documents submitted in support of my application are correct and complete. I understand that an impartial and independent selection committee will process and evaluate my application and supporting information. The committee will base its scholarship award decision on the criteria set forth in this application form. I solemnly undertake to accept the decision of the scholarship committee as final and irrevocable. I further undertake that, if a scholarship is awarded, I will support the development and growth of the community and the scholarship fund.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Guardian Signature (if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Return application and other materials to:**

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

**To be completed by ICM staff**

Applicant Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Selection Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_