

# Islamic Center of Minnesota Scholarship Award

## Application 2020 – 2021

### SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

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

The Board at the ICM is pleased to announce the availability of 5 scholarship awards – totaling \$5,000.00 - for the upcoming academic year 2020-2021. These 5 awards are divided into two separate categories. The first category is designated as *“ICM Merit Awards”*. For this category, two scholarships will be awarded based primarily on academic achievement and service to the community. The second category with three scholarships 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.

Please carefully review the information contained throughout this application form, select the appropriate application category and make special note of applicable deadlines.

It is 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:

Be a full-time student registered for a degree 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.

Completely fill out this application form and submit all supporting documents by the officially notified deadline of April 5th, 2020.

Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a scale of 4.0).
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.
Be a Muslim, and a legal resident of the state of Minnesota.

The following criteria will be used by the selection committee:

<b>SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA &amp; REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:</b>
<b>GPA and Academic Excellence</b> – Must submit an official transcript from the school/college/university attended showing completed coursework and grades.
<b>Demonstrated Financial Need</b> – 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 2019). Required only for applicants for the Financial Need + Merit-Based Scholarship Awards.
<b>Community Service</b> - Provide description of services rendered, personal references and supporting documents, covering a period of up to 2 previous years.
<b>Two Letters of Recommendations</b> – Submit two letters or recommendation; one from a schoolteacher/instructor/professor and the other from an Islamic organization.
<b>One Personal Essay</b> – Submit one personal essay as outlined in the application form. The essay may not be longer than 2 pages.
<b>ICM Membership</b> – Provide proof of ICM membership. If you are an ICM member (Individual/Family) please provide your membership number. <b>Longtime ICM Volunteer-</b> individuals that have volunteer at ICM for many years and are not ICM members. Provide proof via a letter from ICM supervisor.

### SECTION III: APPLICATION DEADLINES

Please note the following application deadlines. All applicants must submit completed application forms and all supporting documentation by **April 5th, 2020** in order to be considered for an ICM scholarship award.

TASK/STEP	DATE
Submit Completed Application	April 5th, 2020
Notification Sent to All Applicants	April 18th, 2020
Distribution of Checks	April 26th, 2020

### SECTION IV: SCHOLARSHIP AWARD POLICY & AWARD AMOUNTS

The following scholarship award policy will be followed for the year 2020– 2021:

- Checks will be issued in the name of the educational institute.
- 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 solely be responsible for all matters related to the scholarship award and the scholarship fund.
- The ICM Scholarship Committee's award decision will be final.
- For the 2020 – 2021 academic year, ICM Scholarship Committee will award **\$5,000** in scholarships as listed below:

<b>AWARD</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>CRITERIA<sup>f</sup></b>
ICM Financial Need & Merit Award I <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$1,000</b>	Financial Need + Academic Achievement + Community Service
ICM Financial Need & Merit Award II <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$1,000</b>	Financial Need + Academic Achievement + Community Service
ICM Financial Need & Merit Award III <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$1,000</b>	Financial Need + Academic Achievement + Community Service
ICM Merit Award I	<b>\$1,000</b>	Academic Achievement + Community Service
ICM Merit Award II	<b>\$1,000</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**

*First*

*Middle*

*Last*

**Mailing Address:**

*Number & Street*

*Apt#*

*City*

*State*

*Zip Code*

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:**

### EDUCATION HISTORY

1. *List all educational institutions attended beginning with high school. Attach a separate sheet if you need more space.*
2. *Submit an official transcript from each institution attended showing all completed coursework and grades.*

Name of High School

City and State

Graduation Date (month/year)

Cumulative High School GPA

Student ID Number

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Name of College 1 (if any)

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City and State

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Graduation Date (month/year)

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Cumulative College GPA

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Student ID #

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Full-time/Part-time?

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Name of College 2 (if any)

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City and State

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Graduation Date (month/year)

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Cumulative College GPA

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Student ID#

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Full-time/Part-time?

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Name of College 3 (if any)

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City and State

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Graduation Date (month/year)

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Cumulative College GPA

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Student ID#

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Full-time/Part-time?

**ICM MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Are you a member of the ICM? Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, Please Provide ICM Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION VI: COMMUNITY SERVICE OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

1. *Please list out community service or volunteer experience in the space below. In case you need more space, please attach another sheet.*
2. *Include reference names and contact information.*

**I**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Duties/Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**II**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Duties/Accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_



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	_____
Reference Name:	_____
Reference Phone No.:	_____
Reference Email Address:	_____

<b>III</b>	
Organization Name:	_____
Position Held:	_____
From:	_____ To: _____
Duties/Accomplishments:	_____
	_____
	_____
Reference Name:	_____
Reference Phone No.:	_____
Reference Email Address:	_____

## **SECTION VII: PERSONAL ESSAY**

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

1. Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and future goals.

**OR**

2. In your opinion, what is the single biggest problem facing the Muslim community today? What can you do to help solve it?

## SECTION VIII: FILING STATUS

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

Merit Based Only                       Financial Need + Merit Based

**NOTE:** If you check “**Financial Need + Merit Based**” box than you will need to submit a certified copy of your 2019 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 IX: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. *DO NOT fill this section UNLESS applying for ‘Financial Need + Merit-based’ scholarship awards.*
2. *Please indicate your tax filing status. If no one can claim you as a dependent for tax filing purposes, you must apply as an ‘Independent Student’. If, however, someone can and did claim you as a dependent on previous year’s (2019) tax forms, you must apply as a ‘Dependent Student’.*

**Filing Status:**     **Independent Student**  
 **Dependent Student**

**Number of Dependents 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 the academic year 2020-2021 below.*

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

### **NOTES:**

1. *Please submit a copy of tax year 2019 federal tax return form 1040 in order to establish annual household income and the number of dependents (if any).*

2. For independent students, a dependent is defined as someone who relies on the student for all or part of their financial support. Dependents must clearly be listed on federal tax form 1040.
3. For dependent students, the number of dependents in the household includes everyone listed as a dependent on federal tax form 1040.
4. Please indicate the number of college students in the household including you.
5. Submit a copy of the University/ College Tuition bill.
6. Please attach a copy of the award letter.

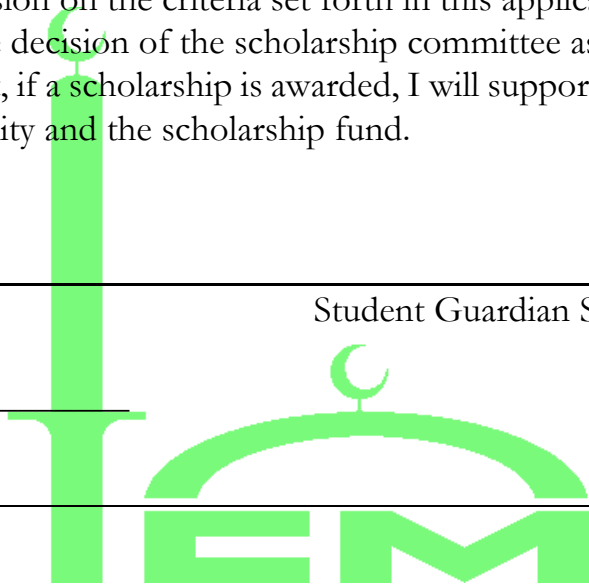
**SECTION X: SIGNATURE**

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 accurate 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 55421

Or email to: [icm@islamiccentermn.org](mailto:icm@islamiccentermn.org)

**To be completed by ICM staff**

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

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

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