

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
2021 WOMEN'S COMMITTEE OF MASJID AS-SAFFAT
HALIMAH MUJAHID SCHOLARSHIP FUND

APPLICATION DEADLINE – MIDNIGHT, July 31, 2021

***NOTE: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!! BEGINNING JULY 2015, AN APPLICANT MAY BE AWARDED THE WCMAS SCHOLARSHIP A MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) TIMES. THIS COUNT WILL INCLUDE ALL PREVIOUS AWARDS.**

What steps should you follow to apply?

- ___ Step 1. Complete the Application Form.
- ___ Step 2. Follow the Student Essay instructions.
- ___ Step 3. Have your parent/guardian or head of household complete the Financial Information Statement. If you are an independent, unmarried student, not living at home, complete the financial statement and submit documentation on yourself. If you are married, living with your spouse, the husband should fill out the financial statement and submit necessary documentation (whether he or his wife is the student.)
- ___ Step 4. Have a teacher at your high school **AND** one adult Muslim, non-relative complete the recommendation forms. If home schooled, self-taught, already attending a post-secondary institution, **OR** married, one recommendation **each** from **two** adult Muslim, non-relatives.
- ___ Step 5. Forward a school transcript for grades 9 through the last grade completed (your school or home study program may not require completion of grade 12 in order to graduate, or you may have passed a GED exam at the completion of grade 10 or 11 from the Islamic school or home study program or you may have been self taught). The high school transcript must include Islamic Studies classes. If you are already attending a post-secondary institution, forward a copy of that school's most recent transcript along with the high school information above **(If high school information previously submitted and accepted, disregard. You must still provide most recent college transcript.)**

To qualify, however, you **must not** have attended a non-Islamic high school **after** attending the full-time Islamic school, completing a home study program, or being self taught.

- ___ Step 6. Forward a copy of **one** of the following: your high school diploma, or school completion certificate, or GED, or a letter from an Islamic school official on school stationary stating that you have completed the course of study for your school and have graduated. If you were home schooled, you must submit a certificate of completion or a diploma from a home study program or a GED. If you were enrolled in a home study program, correspondence course, or self taught, you **must provide** verification of Islamic Studies classes by completing and signing the *Verification of Islamic Studies* form attached. **(If previously submitted and accepted, disregard.)**
- Step 7. **You must submit** an acceptance letter from a post-secondary institution that states that you are accepted for the upcoming fall or spring semester.
- Step 8. **SUBMIT VIA: US POSTAL MAIL TO THE ADDRESS BELOW, HAND DELIVER TO ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER, OR RETURN EMAIL (There will be a link on the Women's Committee website—WCMAS.ORG to submit by email). DEADLINE BY MIDNIGHT July 31, 2021.)**

Women's Committee of Masjid As-Saffat/Halimah Mujahid Scholarship Fund
1335 West North Avenue - Baltimore, Maryland 21217

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15, 2021

Verification of Islamic Studies Form
(Disregard if submitted and accepted on a previous application.)

I, _____, certify that I completed the following courses and/ or read and studied the following books while enrolled as a student in a home study or correspondence program for high school or as a self taught student for high school:

Islamic Studies Books Read

Authors of Books

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Islamic Studies Classes Taken (Indicate dates, locations, and names of instructors)

Arabic Classes Taken (Indicate the dates, locations, and names of instructors)

Arabic Skills (Please check all that apply)

I can read sentences _____
I can write sentences _____
I know basic grammar rules _____
I can speak simple sentences _____
I can comprehend simple sentences _____
I am fluent in Arabic _____

Qur'aanic Skills (Please check all that apply)

I have memorized _____ surahs
I have memorized _____ juz (ajza)
I can read Qur'aan _____
I know the rules of tajweed _____
(If more space is needed for any section, use the reverse side of this sheet)

Signature of Applicant

Date

If applicable, this form must be completed and submitted with the application **by midnight, July 31, 2021.**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THIS INFORMATION REGARDLESS OF FINANCIAL NEED

All students who meet the scholarship requirements will be considered for awards; however, consideration for scholarship awards will be given first to students from families who demonstrate a financial need based on the following scale:

Total Family Size	Income Before Deduction
2	\$16,039
3	\$19,367
4	\$22,695
5	\$26,023
6	\$29,351
over 6	add \$3,328 for each additional member

Priority consideration for scholarship will also be given to students with documented extenuating circumstances or obligations.

1. Family income before deductions: \$ _____
2. Number of family members, including parents and children: _____
3. Provide below any other information that might be helpful in determining financial need or explaining extenuating circumstances. If more space needed, use reverse side.

I certify that the above information is reported accurately:

Parent/Guardian/Head of Household Signature

Date

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

(NOTE: This form must be completed by a Muslim teacher who taught you at your full-time Islamic school or home school and submitted with the application **by midnight, July 31, 2021.**)

Directions to Teacher:

This student has applied to the **Women's Committee of Masjid As-Saffat Halimah Mujahid Scholarship Fund**. Please relate your responses specifically to the student's ability as observed by you in a classroom setting. Please rate the student on a scale from 1-5:

- 5 = Always Observed or Demonstrated
- 4 = Frequently Observed or Demonstrated
- 3 = Occasionally Observed or Demonstrated
- 2 = Seldom Observed or Demonstrated
- 1 = Unable to Observe

Engages in academic risk-taking behaviors (experimenting, researching, challenging) 1 2 3 4 5

Generates ideas or solutions to problems and questions. 1 2 3 4 5

Demonstrates an ability to work with commitment, both independently and as part of a group. 1 2 3 4 5

Demonstrates an ability to evaluate progress in accomplishing tasks. 1 2 3 4 5

How long have you known student? _____

Please comment on the student's potential for growth in a post secondary institution. (You may use reverse side or an additional sheet of paper and attach it to this sheet.)

Signature of Teacher

Date

Subject/Grade

STUDENT ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

The Scholarship Committee has instituted two prompts for the essay portion of the scholarship application. In Prompt #1, we would like **first-time applicants** to tell us about their experience at a full-time Islamic school and how that experience has prepared them for the challenges they will face while attending a post-secondary institution. In Prompt #2, we would like to hear from students who have already received the scholarship and have them explain how they intend to use the knowledge gained from their full-time Islamic education for future generations.

*****Please respond to the appropriate prompt below. Failure to respond to the appropriate prompt will disqualify your application.**

Prompt #1 for First-Time Applicants:

“Let not the Believers take the disbelievers as Auliya (supporters, helpers) instead of the Believers, and whoever does that, will never be helped by Allah in any way, except if you indeed fear a danger from them. And Allah warns you against Himself (His Punishment), and to Allah is the final return” (Surat Al-Imran, Ayah 28).

Prompt #1: How my full-time Islamic education has prepared me to maintain my Islamic identity while pursuing my post-secondary education?

Insha’Allah, consider the following points (*optional*):

- What makes me different from non-Muslims?
- How will I display my Islamic identity, Insha’Allah?
- How will my actions reflect my beliefs, Insha’Allah?

Prompt #2 for Returning Applicants:

“Be sure we shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss in goods, lives and the fruits (of your toil), but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere, who say, when afflicted with calamity, ‘To Allah we belong, and to Him is our return’. They are those on whom (descend) blessings from their Lord and mercy, and they are the ones that receive guidance” (Surah Al-Baqarah; Ayah 155-157).

Prompt #2: My full-time Islamic education has enabled me to weather the storm of COVID 19 and has strengthened my resolve to propagate Islam.

Insha’Allah, consider the following points (*optional*):

- With the onset of the COVID 19 pandemic, has my patience for myself and others increased or decreased?
- As a result of COVID 19, I have begun to consider my own and others’ mortality as real.
- Because most of my classes are virtual, my study habits have changed considerably.
- I have learned to depend only on Allaah (SWTA).
- Life is real; death is real. What am I going to do now?
- Is this pandemic the Qadar of Allaah? How do I know? What proof do I have?
- Scientists and other officials offer uncertain, ever-changing information about this pandemic situation? Who and how much do I believe?
- We must keep awareness of Shaitan at the forefront in all situations, particularly this one; he is always plotting for our souls.

- o Limit your essay to the front side of an 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. The essay must be typed, single-spaced.
- o On the top of your paper, write your name, The Halimah Mujahid Scholarship Fund, and the current calendar year.
- o Choose your words carefully.
- o Have your essay edited by someone who may be familiar with your writing and *who has good writing skills*. Then type a final draft, making the necessary corrections and/or modifications.
- o All awarded essays become the property of the Women's Committee of Masjid As-Saffat who reserves the right to publish said essays in their upcoming Ad Journal for the annual Spring conference.
- o Submit the essay along with the rest of your completed application by **July 31, 2021.**

YOU MUST SUBMIT THE COMPLETED APPLICATION BY THE DEADLINE: MIDNIGHT, July 31, 2021.

AWARDS ARE DISTRIBUTED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15, 2021.

