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MUSLIM CONGRESS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Note to applicant: Please complete this application to the best of your knowledge and submit along with documents requested in Section IV. Your information will be held in strict confidence and will only be used for the purpose of evaluating your eligibility for the scholarship.
Please submit completed application along with all supporting documents to the above PO Box address by December 1st, 2007. PLEASE TYPE OR CLEARLY PRINT.

SECTION I - PERSONAL INFORMATION

First/Given Name:	M.I.:	Last Name:	
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): / /		
Street address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	Country:
Email Address:	Are you a US Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Phone Number:	Best time to contact you:		
Do you currently work:	If yes, how many hours/week: /	Are you the primary source of income for a family? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

SECTION II – PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Father's Name (Last, MI, First):	Mother's Name (Last, MI, First):
Father's Telephone #: () -	Mother's Telephone #: () -
Do either of your parents work:	Number of siblings: ___ Brothers ___ Sisters
OR	
Legal Guardian's Name (Last, MI, First):	Legal Guardian's Telephone #: () -

SECTION III – EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School Attended:			
Address:	City/State:	Zip:	Telephone #: () -
Type of School: <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Parochial (Religious Affiliated) <input type="checkbox"/> Home School			
GPA: / (Ex: 3.8 / 4.0)	Class Ranking:	Size of Graduating Class:	
SAT / ACT Scores (if applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> ACT			
Graduation Date: _ / / _ (Ex: 05/05/2008)			
College/University (<i>if already enrolled</i>):			
Address:	City/State:	Zip:	Telephone #: () -
Major:	GPA: ___ / _	(Ex: 3.8 / 4.0)	Expected date of graduation (Mo/Yr): /
College/University (<i>you plan to attend, if not already enrolled - list in order of preference</i> DO NOT ABBREVIATE NAMES)			
1. Name:	City:	State:	
2. Name:	City:	State:	
Intended Major: <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			

SECTION IV - APPLICATION MATERIALS (Checklist)

The applicant must complete and submit the following items along with this application.

(1) Short Answer:

The Muslim Congress Scholarship Fund was designed with the aim of providing support to the needy students of various communities via scholarship stipends. We would like to emphasize the word needy here due to the fact that this Fund is designed to provide immediate financial support to those qualified students who can provide proof of dire need. Please detail in no longer than 1 page typed, the reasons for which you feel you qualify for this need based scholarship.

(2) Please submit an essay (typed, double-spaced) with a maximum word limit of 500 words **on one** of the following topics/questions:

Essay Option #1:

As Muslim in North America, we have a responsibility to spread the message of the Ahlul Bayt to both non-Muslims and Muslims alike. How can one promote and educate students on campus from different beliefs and background on the teachings of Ahlul Bayt and the Shia school of thought?

Essay Option #2:

What are some of the problems facing the youth of today in North America, and what are some practical solutions for these problems in the light of the teachings of Ahlul Bayt. How can the youth get involved in local communities and make greater strides in following the path of Ahlul Bayt?

(3) A - Transcript: An **official** transcript must be submitted with this application if already enrolled in a college/university **OR**
B - Letter of Acceptance: The official letter must be submitted by the college/university you plan to attend.

(4) Letter of Recommendation: The principal, counselor, teacher, or community member must write a letter of recommendation that describes why this student is nominated for the Muslim Congress Scholarship Program. Describe the applicant's personal qualities and any other information you feel necessary to include. The said person recommending the applicant must be familiar with the applicant's work and personal characteristics. The letter should be placed in a **sealed envelope** and submitted by the applicant along with this application.

Deadline to submit is December 1, 2007

SECTION V - RELEASE OF INFORMATION

With the permission of the applicant, Muslim Congress Scholarship Committee may obtain personal and educational information from outside sources. By signing below, I agree that relevant information may be released. Further, by signing below, I confirm the accuracy of the enclosed information and understand that any false or misleading statements may invalidate my application.

Applicant Signature

Date

FOR OFFICIAL USE (DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE)

Received by:

Received Date:

Documents received:

Completed Application Completed Short Answer Completed Essay College/University Transcripts OR Letter of Acceptance
 Letter of Recommendation from _____

Decision: Approved Requires further review Rejected

Reason for decision:

Approved by:

Approved Date: