



MUSLIM WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

The MWA 2018 Aisha (RA) Scholarship Details

The Muslim Women's Alliance Scholarship is in honor of Aisha (RA), the greatest of women scholars. The purpose of this scholarship is to empower women, and to allow them to become self-sufficient.

MWA is offering two separate scholarships, to two separate individuals, in the amount of **\$1,500.00 each (One thousand five hundred dollars, only)**.

Applicants must fall into one of these categories:

1. Female, High School graduate, entering into a two year or four year college
2. Female, currently enrolled in a two year or four year college
3. Female, entering into, or currently enrolled in a trade school.

Eligible Students:

1. Muslim Female; must be at the age of **17 years or older**, as of **March 1, 2018**
2. Must be a U.S. Citizen or a Permanent Resident of the United States, **and a resident of Illinois**.
3. Must be pursuing an Associate's degree, a first Bachelor's degree, or pursuing technical or vocational training at an accredited school.
***Students who are graduating with a bachelor's degree in 2018, and/or those who will be pursuing a graduate degree are *ineligible*.**
4. To be eligible to apply, the annual household income **must not exceed** the maximum for the household size.

| Household Size | Maximum Annual Household Income |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | \$25,000 |
| 2 | \$40,000 |
| 3 | \$45,000 |
| 4 | \$52,500 |
| 5 | \$60,000 |
| 6 | \$67,500 |

These guidelines are based and formatted on information from the national average of the U.S. Department of Labor. To adjust for households larger than 6 people, add \$7,500 for each additional member.

Requirements to apply: (Please provide proof and documentation for each)

1. Accepted to, or currently enrolled in college

2. GPA of at least 3.0, or a B average
 - a. For College: Provide High School or College transcript
 - b. For Technical/ Vocational Training: Entrance exam results, or letter of reference proving eligibility.
3. Proof of household income
 - a. For College: FAFSA Application
 - b. For Technical/ Vocational Training: A copy of the first 2 pages of recent tax returns (2016/2017) Form 1040, together with a copy of the 2017 W-2
4. Demonstrate an active participation in community service or philanthropic work (Not necessarily at an Islamic center)
5. Provide two letters of recommendation. *The letter can comment on your academic ability, promise of future success, your extracurricular activities or how your efforts have contributed to the community. Be sure that the letter of recommendation includes contact information for the person writing the letter.*
 - a. One from volunteer/ community service
 - b. One from school, internship or work
6. Write an essay (Please see below for requirements)

Requirements for essay:

1. Topic: ***How do you think, the education you will receive empowers you to make an impact in society?***
 - This can be in your home, at school, at work, or in the community. Also explain how you would embody the characteristics of a companion, or one of the wives of our Prophet Mohammed (SAW) to make such an impact.
 - Your essay will be judged on creativity, content, style, and grammar.
2. Essay must be typed
3. Length: 500 - 700 words maximum.
4. Font: Times New Roman
5. Size of Font: 12
6. Line spacing: Double
7. Margins: 1 inch all around
8. Must have a cover page, with the name of the applicant and the title of the essay
9. If any references are being made, the correct citations, in APA or MLA, and reference page.

Application deadline: February 16, 2018 (electronic time stamp must be no later than midnight of due date)

Application selection: March 1st, 2018

Awarded: March 2018 (At the MWA Annual Lunch event, exact date TBA). Expected to attend event.

Note: Payments will NOT be made out to the individual. Payments will only be made out to the Educational Institution for educational expenses, housing, school supplies, and books.



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The MWA 2018 Aisha (RA) Scholarship Application

Applicants Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Email: _____ Age: _____

How did you hear about this scholarship?

Current Education Information:

Current School: _____

Address: _____

GPA: _____ SAT Score (High School Seniors only) _____

Major: _____

Application and necessary documentation must be submitted as one package as follows:

Emailed (with all information scanned) to:

scholarship@mwachicago.org



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Attestation and Application Signature page

Your signature below indicates that if chosen to receive the scholarship, you will agree to the statements outlined below:

1. If awarded the scholarship, I give MWA permission to use my name, likeness, high school/ college history (transcripts and grades will not be shared) and essay contents in its presentations, and/ or publications.
2. The information on this application is true, to the best of my knowledge.
3. The essay is my own work.
4. If you are a winner, you will be asked to attend the annual MWA luncheon, hosted in March 2018, where we will present you the scholarship award.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Parent signature is only required if applicant is under the age of 18 years

MWA (Muslim Women's Alliance) shall be the sole decision-maker regarding the award of any scholarship, and its decision shall be final. MWA reserves the right to discontinue, withdraw, or amend the terms of any scholarship at any time and without prior notice. MWA is under no obligation to provide any scholarship and all scholarships are subject to funding availability. Submitting a scholarship application does not create any contractual relationship between the applicant, her parents or guardians, and MWA. Neither the applicant nor the applicant's parents or guardians shall have any legal or equitable recourse against MWA concerning any scholarship or scholarship application. MWA is not liable for any expenses incurred in connection with applicant's scholarship application.



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The MWA 2018 Aisha (RA) Scholarship Checklist

Check each item is included with the application. MWA must receive all items no later February 16, 2018.

- Completed Application
- Proof of enrollment into college
- High school or College transcripts
- Proof of household income
- Two letters of recommendation
- Typed essay
- Signature page

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