



CHICAGO MUSLIM MEDICAL ALLIANCE & CENTER FOR ISLAMIC TEACHINGS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



June 12th, 2020

Dear Applicant/Community leaders

RE: CMMA/CITCD Annual diversity scholarship information

We are pleased to inform you of the availability of applications for the 2020 **CMMA/CITCD Annual Diversity Scholarship program**. We ask you to please distribute this announcement letter and attached application on our behalf to African American students in your community.

This philanthropic community benefit program is available only to eligible high school students through dollars raised by **Chicago Muslim Medical Alliance (CMMA)** and **Center for Islamic Teachings (CITCD) in Harvey, IL**.

Scoring criteria is contained in this announcement letter. **Our scholarship committee is looking for students with a B average or better who are pursuing careers in a two year or four-year college.** Interested students should fill out the enclosed application, attach a transcript indicating grade point average, a short essay, one letter of recommendation and send it to:

**Center for Islamic Teachings and Community Development
P.O. Box no 2912
Harvey, IL 60426**

Only complete applications submitted by the deadline will be considered for a scholarship. Deadline for returning the complete application is June 23, 2020. If you have any further questions, please contact our scholarship administrator Dr. Munavvar Izhar at (312-437-7866).

Sincerely,

Dr. Danish Ahmed M.D.

Executive Committee
Chicago Muslim Medical Alliance (CMMA)



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CONDITIONS & METHOD OF SELECTION

- 1) College scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded annually to up to five (5) deserving students from the graduating class of public high schools. Recipients must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better.
- 2) **The selection of the individual scholarship recipients will be made by a committee appointed by the President of Chicago Muslim Medical Alliance.**
- 3) The scholarships must be used for study at an accredited college or university and are available for pursuing full time study.
- 4) Selection of scholarship recipients will be based on academic performance, participation in extracurricular activities, which might include outside employment, recommendations, financial need and conclusions drawn from written applications and if needed, personal interviews by members of the selection committee to ascertain motivation and character. A one-page essay on how the applicant will use their education further social justice will be required.
- 5) There shall be no discrimination based on creed, religion or sex.
- 6) The selection committee, with Board approval, may vary the amount of and/or number of scholarships awarded.
- 7) Schools will be notified of the **CMMA/CITCD Annual Diversity Scholarships** each year and selection will be decided within reasonable time of the deadline.
- 8) Students who are selected to receive a **CMMA/CITCD Annual Diversity Scholarship** will be invited to attend a ceremony at CMMA/CITCD where they will be awarded. Students and their families will be notified in advance of this date.



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The scores listed on the grid represent a range of possible points with the listed score being the highest point value that can be assigned.

GPA

3.0-3.5 = 5 points; 3.6 + = 10 points

(Note: some grades are on a 5.0 scale, so take that into consideration.)

Strength of Curriculum

Assess degree of difficulty.

School Extracurricular Activities

Level of commitment

Level of difficulty

Type of activity

Participated in a leadership role or member only

Community Service

Type of community service

Time spent each week

Level of commitment

Level of challenge/difficulty

Employment Experience

Position held

Number of hours



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Personal Essay

Consider both the content as well as the quality of the essay. The only required item specified for the **CMMA/CITCD Annual Diversity Scholarship** essay is:

- A one-page essay on how the applicant will use their education.

In addition, the following items may also be taken into consideration:

- Why you want and need this scholarship
- Comment on high school courses, extracurricular activities and community service work that have been most challenging and rewarding
- Comment on character traits which you believe to be your best assets
- Describe your post-college ambitions

Letter(s) of Recommendation

Below is a list of items specifically requested in the application to be included in the letter of recommendation. Please note what has been included and note what has been excluded. Also note whether letter is a standard letter or has been personalized.

Academic qualities
Personal qualities
Potential to succeed
Character
Maturity level
Integrity
Independence
Interests
Special talents or qualities

Other (unique circumstances)

Some extenuating situation that may have had an impact on the candidate's point total that the committee member feels should be taken into consideration.