



2015 ROSA PARKS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Council on American-Islamic Relations' (CAIR) annual Rosa Parks Civil Liberties Scholarship honors the life and work of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks.

This year's winner of the **\$1,000 Rosa Parks Civil Liberties Scholarship** will be announced at CAIR's 21st annual banquet on Saturday, October 17th, 2015 in Arlington, VA. The winner of the scholarship **must be present** to accept the award. The application deadline for the scholarship is **September 3, 2015**.

Applicants must respond to the following essay question in 500 words or less:

Describe an experience that illustrates your connection to advancing equality in America.

In order to qualify, applicants must:

- **Be enrolled in, or accepted to,** a full-time undergraduate, graduate or professional program of an accredited college or university in the United States for the Fall 2015 semester
- **Be a resident of the DC, Maryland or Virginia area** – either fulltime or during the school year
- **Submit a resume demonstrating an interest** in civil liberties issues and/or community service in past employment or volunteer experiences
- **Submit an application form** (below)
- **Submit a bio** (150 words max)
- **Sign** the Attestation and Application Signature portion of the application
- **Be able to attend CAIR's 19th Annual Fundraising Banquet on Saturday, October 17th, 2015 to receive the award in person ***
- Submit a complete application by **no later than 5 p.m. on September 3, 2015**

**Please note that the recipient is responsible for their own transportation to and from the event. CAIR will not cover any travel expenses.*



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APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name: Last	First	DOB
Address		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	ZIP
Phone	Email	

EDUCATION: COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY INFORMATION	
School Name	Anticipated Graduation year
Address	
City, State, Zip	
<p>***If selected, you must attach an official copy of your most recent transcript to verify your enrollment. Graduating high school students who have not yet begun college should also include their acceptance letter. ***</p>	

REFERENCES	
<p><i>Please list one reference who can speak to your relevant volunteer/academic experience</i></p>	
Full Name	Relationship
Affiliation	Phone ()
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email	

RESUME
<p>Please attach your most recent resume, outlining your connection to civil rights & social justice through all relevant volunteer & employment experiences.</p>

ATTESTATION AND SIGNATURE

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

1. I live in DC, MD or VA – either fulltime *or* during the school year
2. If awarded the scholarship, I give the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) permission to use my name, likeness, high school/college history and essay contents in its presentations and/or publications.
3. If awarded the scholarship, I agree to submit a copy of my most recent transcript or college acceptance letter and headshot within 1 week of being notified.
3. The information on this application is true, to the best of my knowledge.
4. The essay is my own work.
5. If I am the winner, ***I will attend CAIR's 21st Annual Banquet on October 17th, 2015*** at the Marriot Crystal Gateway in Arlington, VA where the scholarship award will be presented to me on stage. I understand that I am responsible for my own travel to and from the event and that CAIR will not be covering travel expenses.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature
(only if student is under 18 yrs.)

Date

Check that each item is included with application. Applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on September 3, 2015:

- ✓ Completed Application
- ✓ Typed Essay (See *Guidelines* for essay topic)
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Bio
- ✓ Attestation & Signature Page

Email

scholarship@cair.com

Subject: Rosa Parks Scholarship Application

*include documents as attachments