



2014 SHARIFA ALKHATEEB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Council on American-Islamic Relations is now taking applications for our

2014

Sharifa Alkhateeb Memorial Scholarship

APPLY TODAY!

www.cair.com/scholarship.html



Sharifa Alkhateeb (1946–2004) was a writer, editor, researcher, human rights advocate, teacher, educational consultant, diversity trainer, television producer, youth advisor, and international speaker. For 40 years she worked within and outside the Muslim community on issues concerning cultural communication and cultural competency, Islam and Muslims, Muslim women, Muslims and domestic violence, religion and the workplace, and religious diversity.

Mrs. Alkhateeb was an integral part of the DC, Maryland and Virginia areas where she advised schools, police departments, corporate directors, government agencies, and publishers of school textbooks on Islam and Muslims in her role as president of the Muslim Education Council. She served Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) as a diversity trainer, produced a television show from 1993 to 1997 entitled “Middle Eastern Parenting,” and played a pivotal role in the establishment of Arabic as one of FCPS’s foreign language programs. She also served as co-editor of the Arab World Notebook, a social studies text used throughout public school systems in the U.S., and as the managing editor of the American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (AJISS), an international social science journal.

In addition to her DC metro civic/diversity activities, Mrs. Alkhateeb also advocated nationally and internationally for human rights, women’s rights, and anti-domestic violence advocacy. She was the founder and vice-president of the North American Council for Muslim Women, a national organization that served the educational, training, public affairs, legislative, and networking needs of Muslim women from 1992 to 2004. She devoted much of her final years to advocating against domestic violence as founder and director of the Peaceful Families Project, a nationwide healthy family dynamics and violence awareness program within the Muslim community.

This memorial scholarship recognizes the contributions of Sharifa Alkhateeb and demonstrates for young people today what one person can accomplish if they are committed to their work and their community.

The **\$1,000 Sharifa Alkhateeb Memorial Community Service Scholarship** is open to full-time Muslim students enrolled as undergraduate or graduate students at a U.S. accredited college or university. It is only open to residents of the DC metropolitan area. Eligible students must have a strong commitment to social work and community building. Along with a completed application, students must answer an essay question (500 words or less) regarding community building. Applicants must demonstrate through community activities or work-related experiences their commitment to social work, conflict resolution and/or working on behalf of the community.

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

Describe your vision/approach to effective community building. Draw from personal community service experiences and/or future goals. You may address what worked well, what didn't work, and what makes your approach unique.

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 2014 semester.
- **Must be a Muslim resident of the DC, Maryland or Virginia area**
- **Submit a resume** demonstrating a commitment to social work, conflict resolution or be working on behalf of diversity issues and community building.
- **Submit a bio** (150 words max)
- **Submit one letter of recommendation.** Recommendation letters should include complete contact information for the reference. References should also include the following:
 - How long and in what capacity they have known the applicant.
 - Reasons for recommending the applicant for this particular scholarship award.
 - Other comments relating to the applicant's participation in and or knowledge of social work, conflict resolution, diversity issues, or community building.
- **Sign** the "Attestation and Application" Signature portion of the application.
- **Be able to attend CAIR's 20th anniversary banquet on the evening of Saturday, September 27, 2014 to receive the award in person.**
- Submit a complete application via email **by no later than 5 p.m. on August 1, 2014**



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

EDUCATION: COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY INFORMATION	
School Name	Anticipated Graduation Year
Address	
City, State, ZIP	
***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 include a copy of their college acceptance letter. ***	

REFERENCES	
<i>Please list one reference:</i>	
Full Name	Relationship
Affiliation/ Title	Phone ()
Address	
City, State, ZIP	
Email	

RESUME
Please attach your most recent resume, outlining your commitment to social work, conflict resolution or diversity issues, and community building.

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. If awarded the scholarship, I give the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) permission to use my name, likeness, high school/college history, and/or essay contents in its presentations and/or publications.
2. If awarded the scholarship, I agree to submit a copy of my most recent transcript 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. I am a Muslim and a resident of the DC/MD/VA metropolitan area.
6. If I am the winner, ***I will attend CAIR's 20th Annual Banquet on September 27th 2014*** at the Marriot Crystal Gateway in Arlington, VA where the scholarship award will be presented to me on stage. I understand that CAIR does not cover any related 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 via email no later than 5 p.m. on August 1, 2014:

- Completed application
- One (1) recommendation letter (can be emailed with application or sent separately but must meet deadline)
- Typed Essay (See *Guidelines* for essay topic)
- Resume
- Bio
- Attestation & Signature Page

Submit your application via email

scholarship@cair.com

Subject: Sharifa Alkhateeb Scholarship Application, YOUR NAME

*include documents as attachments

If you have any questions, please email scholarship@cair.com or call 202-742-6454 for more information.