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2012 Muslim Sister Scholarship

Scholarship: In an effort to highlight the academic and civic achievements of young Muslim women in the DC Metropolitan Area, *S.I.S.T.E.R.S.* initiated this scholarship program in 2007. *S.I.S.T.E.R.S.* aims to recognize and assist deserving students to achieve their higher education goals. This year, three one thousand dollar scholarships will be awarded: One to a high school senior, one to a college student and one to a graduate student. The requirements are:

- ❖ **Be a Muslim female between the ages of 17-24 years old (for high school and college only; no age limit for graduate student).**
- ❖ **Currently be enrolled in or accepted to a 2 or 4 year college.**
- ❖ **Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or better.**
- ❖ **Demonstrate an active participation in community service work.**
- ❖ **Submit a grade transcript.**
- ❖ **Complete a short essay component.**
- ❖ **Submit a letter of recommendation.**

**To download an application go to www.sistersinsolidarity.com
Deadline for this year's scholarship is March 15, 2012.**

Our Mission: *S.I.S.T.E.R.S.* is a non-profit, grassroots organization committed to promoting the ties of sisterhood and empowering women through education, outreach and charitable work. *S.I.S.T.E.R.S.* aspires to cooperate with and enhance the efforts of like-minded organizations in order to further contribute to the advancement of women and women's work.



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APPLICANT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (C) _____

EMAIL _____ AGE _____

How did you hear about this scholarship?

CURRENT EDUCATION INFORMATION:

***Must be either a high school senior (admitted to university) or current college/grad student**

Current School: _____

Address: _____

GPA _____ SAT Score (High School Seniors only) _____

Current or Planned Major: _____

On a separate piece of paper, list all school and community service work you have done in the past 3 (three) years.

Essay Topics and Instructions:

On separate paper, choose one of the following essay topics. Your essay will be judged on **creativity, content, style and grammar**. Essays should not exceed 500 words, or two typed, double spaced pages. **Do not identify yourself or your school on the essay**. All essays should be typed, double-spaced, using 12 point Times Roman font. Be sure to address the question completely and give detailed answers. If you are a winner, your essay as well as your photo will be published on our website.

2012 Essay Topics

(CHOOSE ONLY ONE)

1. From a Muslim perspective, tell us about an experience when you left your comfort zone. What impact did this experience have on you? How did it change you?
2. Discuss one challenging problem facing the Muslim community and propose a detailed solution to it.
3. If you could be invited to any gathering--for example, a meeting in the Oval Office at the White House, a board meeting of a top international company, a secret meeting among scientists discussing their newest findings, or a gathering of Islamic scholars in a desert in West Africa--what would you choose and why?

Letter of Recommendation:

You must submit with your application, **one letter of recommendation** from a teacher, counselor, employer or other member of your community (not related to you). 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.

Transcript:

Include with your application, a grade transcript showing your Grade Point Average (GPA) as well as your courses.

Deadline: All applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2012.



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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 *S.I.S.T.E.R.S* permission to use my name, likeness, high school/college history 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 also be asked to attend the SISTERS Tea in April where we will present you your scholarship award.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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

Check each item included with application. *S.I.S.T.E.R.S* must receive all items no later than March 15, 2012.

- Completed Application
- Recommendation Letter
- Typed Essay
- Transcript
- Signature Page

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Thank you for applying and we wish you success in your future endeavors!