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ZSO Academic and Community Service Excellence Award for High School Students
APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP 2023 - 2024

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The scholarship is open to applicants whose families have been members of the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario (ZSO) **for a continuous period of two years preceding the deadline date of application of the award**, with the exception of new immigrant families who have arrived within the preceding two years from said date.
- The recipient of the scholarship must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.
- The recipient must have met all the requirements of the Ontario High School Diploma or its equivalent in other provinces of Canada.
- The recipient must be enrolled as a first year full time student in an accredited university, college or apprenticeship program in Canada or the United States, commencing in September 2024.
- Recipients of the scholarship will be eligible one time only. The award will be given in September of the year of application. Scholarships will be determined each year.
- Any form of misrepresentation in the scholarship application will render that application null and void. If a scholarship is awarded on the basis of information that was misrepresented, ZSO reserves the right to revoke the scholarship and the recipient will be obliged to return the scholarship amount.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Academic achievement 40%, community service 30%, extra-curricular activities 15%, financial need 10%, character essay 5%.

Community service can be with any Zarathushti or Non-Zarathushti organization in Canada, United States or overseas and must be supported through one of the reference letters required.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application forms will be available on the ZSO website and notice of availability will be distributed through the ZSO newsletter. Completed applications must be delivered/mailed to the registered offices of the ZSO (address as above) and marked to the attention of the **Chair- ZSO Scholarship Committee**. Fully completed forms with supporting documents **must** be received by Monday, July 22nd 2024. **Applications received after that date will not be considered. Three sets of the completed application form and supporting documents are required (1 original + 2 photocopies.)**

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The value of the scholarship will be approximately CAD \$1,000.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be coordinated by ZSO's Scholarship Committee and will be evaluated by an anonymous panel of three judges appointed by the Scholarship Committee who may be members of the scholarship committee but are not required to be so. Applications will be judged on academic accomplishments, program of study, appraiser's evaluations, answer to the essay question, and general impressions from the application form. The decisions of the judges will be final and in order to maintain the integrity of the process neither the identity nor the scoring criteria of judges will be made public.

DECLARATION OF THE APPLICANT

I have read and understand the instructions and declare that: All information provided is true and complete; I will be a full-time student at the institution named for the period. I understand and agree that any misrepresentation will render my application null and void and that in the event of being awarded the scholarship any misrepresentation subsequently discovered would result in the return of scholarship funds to the ZSO.

Name of the Applicant: _____

Signature of the Applicant: _____

If applicant is below the age of 18 years at the time of signing this application

Name of the Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of the Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

APPLICATION FORM 2023/24
PERSONAL PROFILE (Please print clearly)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	
Mailing Address	
Home Telephone Number	
Cell Number	
E-mail Address	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth (City, Country)	
Citizenship/Permanent Resident	
Name and Address of Post-Secondary Institution you are enrolled in	
Program of study/apprenticeship	
Name of Parent/Guardian (1)	
Occupation of Parent/Guardian (1)	
Name of Parent/Guardian (2)	
Occupation of Parent/Guardian (2)	
Mailing Address of Parent/Guardian	
E-mail address of Parent/Guardian	
Tel. number of Parent/Guardian	

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

List chronologically all schools or other institutions of higher education you have attended, starting from secondary/high school. **ATTACH YOUR FINAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WHICH INCLUDES YOUR GRADE 12 FINAL MARKS.**

Name of Institution	Location of Institution	Grade/Dates of Attendance

List all the awards, scholarships, honours received during your high school years and any that you received on graduation from elementary school.

Award, Scholarship or Honour Received	Grade/Year Received

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List all activities that demonstrate your service to the community, e.g. visiting elderly, cleaning prayer halls, youth activities, visiting soup kitchens, hospitals etc. (Zarathushti and/or Non-Zarathushti.)

Name of the Organization	Description of Activity	Dates

List all extra-curricular activities in the past FOUR years. Include your participation in debates, drama, athletics, music, school organizations, student council, including offices held. Please specify whether the organization was Zarathushti or Non-Zarathushti.

Name of the Organization	Description of Activity	Dates

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Will you be living at home or on campus?
Expected cost of tuition for application year (attach documentation)
Expected cost of living on campus for application year (attach documentation)
Other expenses such as student fees, textbooks, etc. for application year (please itemize)
Total Family/Home Income in the last calendar year
List all scholarships, grants, etc. with amounts you expect to receive
List any expected income from jobs
List financial support that you will receive from family or other sources
List any financial loans directly connected to your educational endeavour that you or your family will be liable for
Are there any special financial circumstances that you feel should be taken into consideration when reviewing your application? Please use a separate sheet of paper if the space provided is insufficient.

CHARACTER ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, in approximately 350 words, please respond, in proper essay format, to the following topic: **As a young Zarathushti how would you explain the basis tenets of Zoroastrianism to another young person who has never heard of the faith?**

REFERENCE LETTERS AND ATTACHMENTS

List two persons who will furnish letters of reference for you. One person must be a teacher who can attest to your academic record and any school related extra-curricular activities. The other person must be someone who is either currently or formerly in a position of leadership with a community organization that can attest to your community service with that organization. Neither of the two people furnishing testimonials on your behalf should be family members. **Reference letters must accompany the application form.**

Name of Person	Name of organization	Relationship

ATTACHMENTS (Please note that three copies are required – 1 original + 2 photocopies)

- Completed Application form, duly signed
- Transcript of final High School marks
- Two reference letters
- Short Character Essay
- Proof of expected tuition expenses, e.g. fee receipt or page from university/college catalog
- Proof of housing expenses like rent receipt or dorm fees from university/college catalog
- Short additional rationale of financial need if deemed necessary
- **Please do NOT attach certificates of attendance/accomplishment for athletics, debates or other extra-curricular activities**

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I certify that the information provided on this application is true and complete and I will be a full-time student at the institution named in the form for the next year. I affirm that I will use the funds obtained as a result of this application solely for the expenses related to attendance at the institution named in the form. If the funds are not needed for the purpose they were given, then I agree to return the unused amount.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____