

MYLA 2008-09 MYLA Scholars

11. Saido Abdirashid

MYLA-Al-Wafaa Center Scholarship **\$1000**

- Student Liaison – Minnesota International Middle School
- Youth program coordinator - Abu Bakr As-Siddiq Mosque
- President/Founder – Youth 2 Youth
- Reporter – Neighbor News
- President – Student Council at Ubah Medical Academy

9. Mukhtar Ibrahim

MYLA-S. Zafar Hasan Scholarship **\$1,000**

- Lead taraweeh prayers at Islamic Da'wah Institute of MN
- Volunteer at the United Hospital emergency department
- President and founder MSA - Inver Hills Comm. College
- Co-founder and active member of Somali Students Club

7. Mohammad Zafar

MYLA-Salima Abdul Ghani Scholarship **\$1,000**

- Mediator – Mall of America Security Department
- Volunteer at Tarek ibn Ziyad Academy
- Volunteer at annual MAS convention
- Member of Mall of America Antiterrorism task force
- Member of MSA at Metropolitan State University

5. Adno Gatah

MYLA-Aamir Rahmatullah Scholarship **\$3,000**

- Treasurer of MSA at St. Kate
- Quran teacher at Dar-ul-Hijrah mosque
- VP of Somali Student Nursing Assoc. at St. Kate
- Tutor for nursing students at St. Kate Learning Center
- Volunteer Coordinator, ESL tutor at Cedar Riverside collaborative center
- Nursing Assistant/Intern at various medical facilities

3. Yunus Balioglu

MYLA-UCC Scholarship II **\$3,000**

- Student Council President – Al-Amal School
- Math and English tutor – Al-Amal School
- Volunteer – Islamic Research Group
- School Grounds Assistant – Totino Grace High School
- Mentor, Regional Tournament Winner – First Lego League
- Team Captain – Blaine Soccer Club
- Participant in interfaith meetings – Al-Amal School
- Assistant Soccer Coach – Al-Amal School

1. Ayan Ali

MYLA Scholarship **\$5,000**

- MSA Vice president at University of MN
- Initiator of “Helping the Seniors Project” and Coordinator for Muslim Care wing - Building Blocks of Islam
- Somali-English Interpreter and Para legal at Legal Aid Society of MN
- CAIR-MN Board Member
- Counselor for children and Advocate for immigrant families at "African Aid" and "The Bridge for Youth"

10. Abdiasis Hirsi

MYLA-Zainab Scholarship **\$1,000**

- Math, reading, and writing tutor – Somali Education Center
- Assisted 1-5 grade students with math, writing, reading, and vocabulary – Hope Community
- Vice President of Public Relations – Phi Theta Kappa
- Active Member – Somali Student Association

8. Jamal-Edeen Fannoun

MYLA-Khan Scholarship **\$1,000**

- Volunteer at Islamic University of Minnesota
- President of MSA at North Hennepin Community College
- Youth Coordinator of Building Blocks of Islam
- Active volunteer at various MN Muslim community events

6. Arif Awes

MYLA-Zeenat Scholarship **\$2,000**

- Interpreter and special program counselor for new immigrants at the Hennepin County
- Tutor & Arabic class initiator – Taqwa Islamic Center
- Tutor at MCTC Learning Center
- Peer Mentor at MCTC - Starting Point
- Officer, coordinator at MCTC – Phi Theta Kappa

4. Zamin Dharsi

MYLA-Haji Saidi Scholarship **\$3,000**

- Community Volunteer & Graphic Designer – Anjuman-e Asgheri Islamic Center & Az-Zahra Madressah
- Creative Director – A Hand in Health (a non-profit NGO)
- Weekly volunteer – Feed My Starving Children
- Advertising & Public Relations Director – MSA at NHCC
- Chair of “Interfaith Coexistence Coalition”
- Office holder Student Senate & International Student Club at North Hennepin Community College (NHCC)

2. Nadia Huq

MYLA-UCC Scholarship I **\$3,000**

- Assistant Coordinator at the MCC School at Masjid Ar-Rahman & volunteer at Rahma Community Clinic
- Exc. Director Public Rel. - Phi Theta Kappa at Normandale
- Public Relations Officer - Al-Madinah Cultural Center
- President: Honors Student Association at U of M
- Served on Campus Relations Committee at U of M Student Body Government
- Child care volunteer at Cornerstone Abuse Shelter
- Founder/President: Sisters Playing Sports at U of M