

MYLA 2009-10 Scholarship Recipients

Ibrahim Hirsi

MYLA-Haji Saidi Journalism Scholarship \$3000

U of M Twin Cities - Undergraduate; Journalism

- Columnist at The Wedge newspaper
- Staff reporter at The Minnesota Daily newspaper
- Intern reporter at Minnesota Spokesman Recorder
- Tutor at Brian Coyle Community Center
- Participant in Urban Journalism workshop
- News fellow at Minnesota Public Radio

12. Muhammad Islam

MYLA-Ahmed Elmouelhi & Heidi Abdel Kader Scholarship \$1000

U of M Twin Cities - Undergraduate; Mkt & Entrepreneurial Mgmt

- Conducted literacy classes at Metro North Adult Learning Center
- Public relations director - Muslim Youth of Minnesota (MYM)
- Tutor for after school reading & math programs Al-Amal School
- Writer for Newsletter club at Al-Amal School
- Research coordinator Lego Robotics Team at Al-Amal School

10. Mukhtar Ibrahim

MYLA-The Anwar Family Scholarship \$1,000

U of M Twin Cities – Undergraduate; Biochemistry

- Led taraweeh prayers during Ramadan at various mosques
- Volunteer “Healthcare Serve & Observe” program at United Hospital
- Founder and President MSA at Inver Hills Community College
- Advisor Somali Students Assoc - Inver Hills Community College
- Founder Interfaith Network for interfaith dialogue at Inver Hills Community College

8. Mohammad Zafar

MYLA-Zafar Ali Scholarship \$2,000

MYLA-Abdul Ghani Memorial Scholarship \$1,000

Metropolitan State University - Graduate Student; Psychology

- Islamic studies teacher at Muslim Community Center School
- Creator of intervention program at Mall of America resulting in better understanding between Muslim community and law enforcement agencies & significant reduction of disruptive behavior and arrests of youth on Eid days
- Conduct psychology and social science seminars for middle school students at Tarek Ibn Ziad Academy
- President of Muslim Students Organization at Metropolitan State University

11. Abdisamad Ibrahim

MYLA-V-Kare Clinic Scholarship \$1,000

U of M Twin Cities – Undergraduate; Genetics Cell Biology & Microbiology

- Child development & learning volunteer - Franklin Magnet School
- Qur'an and Islamic Studies teacher at weekend Islamic school
- Co-founder & Treasurer MSA at Inver Hills Community College
- Vice President Somali Students Club - Inver Hills Community College

9. Samara Balioglu

MYLA-S.M. Murtazuddin Scholarship \$1,000

U of M Twin Cities – Undergraduate; Chemical Engineering

- Mentor: FIRST Lego League at Al-Amal School.
- Volunteer for several years at Al-Amal Sports Day
- Kindergarten volunteer at Al-Amal School
- Secretary of Muslim Youth of Minnesota (MYM).
- Student Council Secretary at Al-Amal School.

7. Lolla Mohammed Nur

MYLA-Abdulla Mamdani Scholarship \$2,000

MYLA-Dr. Imtiazuddin Ahmad Scholarship \$1,000

U of M Twin Cities – Undergraduate; Political Science & Journalism

- Active volunteer & Assistant Secretary Al-Madinah Cultural Center
- Volunteer for “Da’wah Table” – a program to educate people about Islam
- Volunteer at Minnesota International Center
- Secretary of MSA at University of Minnesota.
- Volunteer and communications intern for CAIR-MN
- Journalism intern for Twin Cities Daily Planet

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6. Hanzlah Mamdani

MYLA-Aamir Rahmatullah Scholarship-II **\$2,000**

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

Winona State University – Undergraduate; Accounting & Management of Information Systems

- Secretary & Assistant Religious Affairs Director of Islamic Center of Winona (ICW)
- Deliver Friday sermons and lead taraweeh prayers at ICW
- President of MSA at Winona State University
- Volunteer and presenter for “Cultural Outreach Program” – an outreach initiative to share different cultures with high school and college Students

4. Zahra Nathani

MYLA-Aamir Rahmatullah Memorial Scholarship-I **\$4,000**

U of M Twin Cities – Graduate Student; Health Care Administ.

- Teacher of Islamic History & Quran at Az-Zahra Islamic School
- Community Health Specialist - Anoka County Health Dept.
- Volunteer Anjuman-e-Asghari Islamic center
- Member of Muslim Health Mentors at University of Minnesota
- Quran teacher to students that completed it in 14 months
- Served as marketing manager for a fundraiser to build a dental clinic in Bolivia

3. Nada Abou-karam

MYLA-UCC Scholarship II **\$4,000**

U of M Twin Cities – English and Pharmacy

- ICM Al Taqwa Saturday School KG Teacher for Arabic & Islamic Studies
- Secretary of MSA at University of Minnesota till 2008
- Active participant “Sisters Playing Sports” at U of M
- Worked at Merwin Long Term Care, a pharmacy providing pharmaceutical care at elderly facilities
- Tutor in Organic Chemistry, Anatomy, English, and Arabic with Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence (MCAE)

2. Mallerie Shirley

MYLA-UCC Scholarship I **\$5,000**

Metropolitan State University – Undergraduate; Psychology

- Served as president, secretary, and communications director of Muslim Youth of Minnesota (MYM)
- Board Member and Speaker for Islamic Resource Group (IRG)
- Sign Language Interpreter at Northeast Metro Intermediate. Provides mediation between Deaf and Hearing cultures
- Volunteer and Advisor for CAIR-MN
- Helped start the “Inspired to Serve” program, an interfaith program for youth
- Worked in the Minnesota Conservation Corps teaching Islam 101 class at the camps

1. Fuad Hannon

MYLA Scholarship **\$5,000**

U of M Twin Cities – Undergraduate; Finance & Marketing

- President Elect Al-Madinah Cultural Center for 2009-2010 school year
- Volunteer Mentor for Bryan Coyle Community Center mentoring program
- Elementary school volunteer with the Junior Achievement organization
- Treasurer of MSA at University of Minnesota.
- Islam Awareness Week organization committee member
- President North High School DECA Chapter (a national assoc. of marketing students)

5. Hoodo Hassan

MYLA-Hesham Reda Memorial Scholarship **\$3,000**

Inver Hills Community College – Undergraduate; Psychology

- Somali family liaison at Nicollet Junior High School
- Actively involved in after school tutoring programs at EFTIN – an organization serving immigrant and refugee youth to bridge achievement gaps
- Weekend school tutor for a Minneapolis community center
- Qur’an teacher for women and children at Masjid Ummat Muhammad
- Volunteer for a youth summer camp
- Secretary of MSA at Inver Hills Community College