

## 2007 - 2008 award recipients

### September 6, 2007 - 2007-2008 Winners Announced

A special congratulations to the winners of the 2007-2008 Academic year. The recipients are listed below.

We would also like to thank those that applied. We hope you will apply again in the future. We wish this year's scholarship recipient and all the youth in the community success in their future endeavors, Insha Allah.

If you would like to see other year's scholarship recipients, please [click Here](#)

#### 10). MYLA Journalism Scholarship Twin Cities - \$4000 Winner:

**LIALA HELAL**  
**University of Minnesota - School of Journalism and Mass Communication**

- Major: Journalism with a minor in Psychology and Teaching ESL
- Summer Reporter, St. Paul Pioneer Press
- Staff Reporter, The Minnesota Daily
- Writer of dozens of articles and news reports published by major TC news outlets
- Writing Consultant, U of MN's MCAE and SMART Learning Commons
- Research Assistant, U of MN – School of Journalism and Mass Communication
- Muslim Health Mentors, peer helper for the health-related issues of Muslim students

#### 9). MYLA-ZANIB Scholarship - \$1000 Winner:

**MUSTAFA IBRAHIM**  
**University of Minnesota Twin Cities**

- Major: Education, Curriculum & Instruction PhD
- Umutul Islam Mosque, Khateeb
- Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center, Khateeb and event organizer
- Weekend Islamic School teacher
- Director Alif Immigrants Educational and Cultural Services
- Education Committee Member, Da'wah Institute and Somali Family and Youth Center

#### 8). MYLA-ABAD MUHAMMAD Scholarship - \$1000 Winner:

**ABDULLAHI ADEN**  
**Minneapolis Community & Technical College (MCTC)**

- Major: Accounting
- President, Somali Student Association
- Somali Family Services, Volunteer
- Learning Center Computer Lab, Tutor
- Board Member, Minnesota Somali Student Union

#### 7). MYLA-UCC Scholarship - \$2000 Winner:

**IMAN WARSAME**

### **College Freshman**

- Major: Sociology
- 2007 High School Graduate, freshman college student
- Vice President Muslim Student Association 2006-07, awarded student leadership recognition of the V. President of MSA
- Member, Girls Scouts - presented at St. Kates
- Volunteer (Tutored kids in their Homework, part of Earth Day and Make a Difference Day activities - cleaned around the school and park in her community)

### **6). MYLA-UCC Scholarship - \$2000 Winner:**

**MUHAMAD ELRASHIDI**  
**University of Minnesota Twin Cities**

- Major: Medicine M.D.
- Phillips Neighborhood Clinic, Student Clinician and Co-chair administrative board
- Student National Medical Association, Co-chair, Mentoring Committee
- Muslim Mentor Connection, Co-Founder - worked with others to develop nascent mentor program to support Muslim undergraduates
- Fairview Southdale Hospital Administrative Fellow – Managed \$1.5 M of Capital Purchases

### **5). MYLA-AAMIR RAHMATULLAH MEMORIAL Scholarship - \$2500 Winner:**

**ABDULLAHI WARSAME**  
**College in Schools (CIS) for U of MN - Freshman**

- 2007 High School Graduate, freshman college student
- Somali American Education Program, assistant teacher in the computer lab
- Riverside Resource Center, Volunteer and assisted in the center computer lab
- Darul Hijra Islamic Center, Volunteer and Team games organizer
- Al-Manhal Islamic Madrasah, taught Qur'an

### **4). MYLA-HAJI SALIM SAIDI - \$3000 Winner:**

**ASBAH HADI**  
**University of Minnesota Twin Cities**

- Major: Microbiology
- Mounds View High School Newspaper Staff Writer and Editor Front Page
- College of Biological Sciences Student Board - Event Coordinator
- Islamic Center of Minnesota Weekend School Teacher and Volunteer
- Undergrad researcher at Sadowsky Lab at U of M - Studied antibiotic resistant E. Coli.

### **3). MYLA-UCC Scholarship - \$3000 Winner:**

**SUADO ABDI**  
**Minneapolis Community & Technical College (MCTC)**

- Major: Political Science
- Vice President MSA at MCTC 2006-07, awarded student leadership recognition of the V. President of MSA
- Member, Student Senate at MCTC
- Mentor, Wellstone International High School
- Assistant at First Home Health Care, cooking, cleaning and taking care of the elderly

## **2). MYLA Scholarship - \$5000 Winner:**

### **SA'AD MOHAMEDALI MAMDANI Winona State University**

- Major: Composites Material Engineering
- Islamic Center of Winona (Treasurer, Sunday School teacher and Khateeb)
- Vice President Muslim Student Association 2006-07, helped organize campus events and gave presentations and conducted workshops
- Volunteer with the Muslim American Society of Minnesota
- International Students Club Organizer
- Participant Cultural Outreach Program - Made cross-cultural presentations on college campus and schools in MN

## **1). MYLA-ELTAYIB Award - \$5000 Winner**

### **SAMI KHWAJA University of Minnesota Twin Cities**

- Major: Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- President MSA at Uof M 2006-07, helped organize and manage campus events including Fastathon, IAW, Women & Religion panel and Farewell Dinner
- U of MN Campus Khateeb 2006-07
- Volunteer People Serving People, Sharing & caring hands and at Ronald McDonald's House
- Muslim Peer Mentor 2006-07, advised and provided guidance to a young freshman Muslim through academic and religious matters
- Active member Al-Madinah Cultural Center, INROADS, Business Association of Multicultural Students