

# CAIR Rosa Parks Civil Liberties Scholarship

1. Applicants must be enrolled in, or accepted by, a full-time undergraduate (12 or more credit hours), graduate (9 or more credit hours), or professional program of an accredited university in the United States majoring in a field that promotes civil rights, social justice and/or the peaceful resolution of conflicts.
2. Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in issues related to civil rights, social justice and/or the peaceful resolution of conflicts.
3. Preference will be given to applicants with past employment or volunteer experiences relating to civil rights, social justice and/or the peaceful resolution of conflicts.
4. Preference will be given to those with a professional career goal of serving in fields that promote to civil rights, social justice and/or the peaceful resolution of conflicts.
5. Applicant's intended use of the scholarship funds will be considered, with preference for uses that contribute directly to his or her academic and professional development.
6. Applicants must have a grade point average of 3.0 or above for undergraduate students or 3.5 or above for graduate students. Applicants, by applying, are authorizing the scholarship committee to review their academic files. An official transcript must be included with the application. High school transcripts will be required if the applicant has been accepted by a recognized university.
7. Considerable weight will be given to the applicant's ability to convey creative ideas through a well-organized, clear and thoughtful essay dealing with some aspect of civil rights, social justice or the peaceful resolution of conflicts. The essay must be typed, single-spaced, and three to six pages in length. Preference is given to an essay that is written specifically for this application, rather than a previously written class paper. The essay should demonstrate knowledge of the civil rights movement and how it relates to the American Muslim experience. The essay should also blend personal insight with the discussion of a relevant issue.
8. The strength of the applicant's two letters of recommendation will be an important part of the evaluation.
9. Application deadline for 2006 is November 21, 2005. The application form must be completed and accompany 3-6 page essay (Arial or New Times Roman font 12 single space). E-mail: [scholarship@cair-net.org](mailto:scholarship@cair-net.org) or by mail to "Scholarship Committee," CAIR, 453 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, D.C. 20003
10. Two letters of recommendation are required. They should be on reference's official letterhead, if applicable, or they may be submitted on plain white stationery. References should include the following points:
  - How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
  - Eligibility reasons for the candidate for this scholarship.
  - Other comments relating to the candidate's participation and/or knowledge of civil rights, social justice and/or the peaceful conflict resolution.

Each recommendation letter must contain the reference's name and applicable contact information, including telephone number. They must be sealed with applicant's name on the outside of envelope and attached to the completed application.

# Application Review Procedure

1. The CAIR Scholarship Committee will review all complete applications received by or before the due date.
2. Applications will be rated using the following criteria and weighted scores:
  - Past experience (volunteer or paid) in the civil rights field (20 points)
  - Professional Career Goals (5 points)
  - Plans for use of award funds (5 points)
  - Grade point average (15 points)
  - References (15 points)
  - Essay (40 points)
3. A telephone interview with the applicant may be requested.

## SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS

The Scholarship will be awarded in two installments of \$500 each.

- First installment of \$500 will be given to the successful candidate at the beginning of the semester.
- Second installment of \$500 will be given at the beginning of second semester after the submission of mid-year report and transcripts



## ROSA PARKS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Address:

City:

State:  Province(Canada):

Zip Code:

Phone Number:  -  -

College /University Name and Address:

Please enter your GPA: Please attach latest marks transcript with the application

GPA

\*(based on a 4.0 scale, ex. 3.5, 3.0)

Date of Birth:

MM

/ DD

/ YYYY

Gender:

Male

Female

**A minimum of two references are required to verify education and experience**

1. Reference Name

Phone

Email :

2. Reference Name

Phone

Email :

3. Reference Name

Phone

Email :

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