



Iran Cultural and Educational Center
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Iran Cultural and Educational Center Iran Arbabi Scholarship Program

2014-2015 School Year

Introduction

The Iran Cultural and Educational Center (ICEC) was established in 1989. ICEC's mission is to create a nurturing environment that strengthens the sense of connection, pride and appreciation of Iranian culture, heritage and history.

On the occasion of its 25th Anniversary and in recognition of Khanoom Iran Arbabi-Amin's tireless efforts, dedication and leadership as founder and director of ICEC, the "Iran Arbabi Scholarship Fund" was established. This scholarship is awarded annually to one or more deserving recipients.

Eligibility Requirements

The Iran Arbabi Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students of Iranian descent entering or attending an accredited post-secondary institution. Applicants should be residents of Maryland, Virginia, or the District of Columbia. Applicants must excel academically. Applicants must have a verifiable record of participating in activities within the Persian community. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen or be lawfully residing in the United States. The recipients may use these scholarships to attend an accredited college or university of their choice in Maryland, Virginia, or the District of Columbia. Scholarships are not limited to any specific field or career objective and may be used to pursue any academic discipline. Scholarships may be used for undergraduate or graduate school. Applications are screened in the Spring by an independent committee that consists of a panel of distinguished scholars and chaired by a member of the ICEC Board of Trustees. Finalists are interviewed by members of the selection committee. Scholarship winners are selected based on the information received through the application and interviews.



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Basic Requirements

Applicants should meet the following requirements to be eligible for the Iran Arbabi Scholarship. They must:

- Be of Iranian descent
- Be a U.S. citizen or lawfully reside in the United States
- Submit verification of participation in activities in the Persian community (e.g. attendance at a Farsi language school, participation in Persian art or cultural group (music, dance, theater, etc.), volunteer activities for Persian community based charity, membership in a Persian student association, etc.)
- Attend, or be accepted for attendance at, an accredited American college or university in a full-time undergraduate or graduate degree program.
- Possess a high school diploma, or the recognized equivalent of a high school diploma.
- Have good academic standing (GPA of 3.0 or higher)
- Complete and submit a Scholarship Application Form, including:
 - a. Two letters of recommendation; at least one letter should be from a teacher or other school professional
 - b. A one page essay about his/her dreams and aspirations
 - c. A one page essay: How has your cultural heritage formed the person you are, and in what way will this serve you as an asset to promote Persian language and culture in the future?
 - d. An official transcript with the school seal on it

Important Application Dates

March 23, 2014 – ICEC starts accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year. The attached Application Form will also be available for download from the ICEC web site (www.iraneducationalcenter.com).

April 30, 2014 - Final postmarked deadline in order to be considered for the 2014-2015 Scholarship Program. Application materials must be mailed in one packet to:

Iran Abrabi Scholarship Program
Iran Cultural and Educational Center
12030 Gatewater Drive
Potomac, MD 20854



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Transcripts and letters of recommendation should not be sent separately. Incomplete, e-mailed, or faxed applications will not be considered. Winners of the scholarship will be notified by July 1st 2014 and names will be posted on the ICEC web site.

Scholarship Conditions

Iran Arbabi Scholarships may be used to supplement existing benefits from the student's college or university, or from other foundations or organizations. Recipients may use the scholarship to cover the costs of tuition, fees, room, and board. Funds are dispersed directly to the college or university.

Financial need may be taken into consideration in awarding a scholarship. If the Scholarship Committed determines that financial need will be taken into consideration, the applicant may be required to provide financial information at a later time. Such financial information would include, but not necessarily be limited to, federal income tax returns of the applicant. If the applicant is claimed as a dependent on the federal income tax return of another person, then that other person's financial resources will be considered in assessing financial need. **DO NOT INCLUDE COPIES OF FEDERAL TAX RETURNS WITH THE APPLICATION PACKET. IF THEY ARE SUBSEQUENTLY REQUIRED, THE APPLICANT WILL BE SO ADVISED.**

A minimum of 1 student will be granted an Iran Arbabi Scholarship and will receive \$1500.00 for the 2014-2015 school year (\$750.00 for Fall 2014 semester and \$750.00 for Spring 2015 assuming the GPA requirement of 3.0 and full-time status is maintained). *The Iran Arbabi Scholarship is for the 2014-2015 school year only.* ICEC reevaluates the community needs, its funding resources, and adjusts this program on a yearly basis.

A recipient's scholarship can be revoked if the student:

- fails to graduate from high school;
- fails to enroll in an institution of higher education in the year for which the scholarship was awarded;
- fails to comply with the rules, regulations or conditions of the institution the student attends; or
- receives the scholarship through error or contrary to law.

Retroactive payment of the scholarship is not permitted.

ICEC Iran Arbabi Scholarship Program Application Form

SEND TO: ICEC Iran Arbabi Scholarship Program, 12030 Gatewater Dr., Potomac, MD 20854

Applicants must be of Iranian descent, lawfully reside in the Maryland, Virginia, or the District of Columbia, United States, and attend, or be accepted for attendance at, an accredited American college or university in a degreed program. Application materials must be mailed in one packet to the ICEC Iran Arbabi Scholarship Program, 12030 Gatewater Dr., Potomac, MD 20854. Transcripts and letters of recommendation should not be sent under separate cover. Incomplete, e-mailed or faxed applications will not be considered.

Please type or print in black ink only

I am submitting my application by April 30, 2014 to be considered for the 2014-2015 ICEC Iran Arbabi Scholarship Program.

PERSONAL DATA

Full Legal Name

Last First Middle Male/Female

Permanent Address

Street

City State Zip

Date of Birth Telephone # Cell #

E-Mail Address

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Are you a US Citizen? Yes No If no, what is your legal status? _____

How do you establish your Iranian descent? Iranian Father Iranian Mother Other _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School Name _____

High School Address _____

Telephone _____ FAX _____

Date of Graduation _____ GPA _____

College/University Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ FAX _____

No. of Credits _____ GPA _____

ICEC Iran Arbabi Scholarship Program Application Form (PAGE 2)

Please respond to the following questions. Attach your typed responses to this form.

1. Please list your extracurricular, community, employment or other activities in order of their importance to you. Indicate the dates you participated in the activity, positions held and the number of hours per week you spend on each activity. We realize that the way you spend your time outside the classroom may be affected by factors beyond your control, such as the need to work.
2. List any significant awards or honors you have received for academic or extracurricular achievements.
3. Essay: You must respond to both (A) and (B). Your essay should be no longer than one page single spaced.
 - (A) Describe a dream or aspiration you have and why this is a dream or aspiration.
 - (B) How has your cultural heritage formed the person you are, and in what way will this serve you as an asset to promote Persian language and culture in the future?
4. Please ask two individuals who know you well to submit letters of recommendation. At least one letter should be from a teacher or other school professional.
5. Please submit an official transcript with application materials. You must be ready to provide supporting documentation if requested.
6. List your Persian community activities. Indicate the dates you participated in the activity, the description of your participation, and the name and contact information of a person who can verify your participation.

We suggest that you keep copies of your application materials.

I certify that the information provided is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. Additionally, the applicant is still responsible for applying to all scholarship programs for which they may be interested. Applicants may be asked to provide information about his/her financial need and the financial position of his/her parent(s) or guardian(s). If required, you agree to provide proof of this information, including copies of income tax returns. I realize that if documentation is not provided, the applicant may be deemed ineligible for this scholarship.

Applicant's Signature/Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature/Date