

FEDERATION OF ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA

APPLICATION FORM – 2010

FEZANA EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR YOUNG ZARATHUSHTIS

A sports scholarship, hereinafter called the EXISS Fund, has been established under the Federation of Zoroastrians Associations of North America (FEZANA). The objective of the EXISS Fund is to provide financial support to young Zarathushtis who are performing exceptionally and at highly recognized levels in all areas of sports activity. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable the recipients to get world-class training and/or study with experts in their field and thus fine tune and enhance their talent and capabilities.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Beneficiaries of the EXISS Fund must be:

- a.) Individuals practicing the Zarathushti faith
- b.) Citizens, legal residents, or holding legal student status in USA or Canada
- c.) Young Zarathushtis between the ages of 10 to 30 years.

SELECTION CRITERIA, at minimum, will include the following:

- a.) The excellence achieved in a specific sport and past record in that sport
- b.) The annual financial need of the applicant
- c.) Assistance already pledged to the applicant from other sources
- d.) Applicant's commitment to pursue the chosen form of Sport
- e.) Level of education and past record
- f.) Other extra curricular activities undertaken by the applicant
- g.) Services performed for the Zarathushti community

Beneficiaries may be required to submit any information during the duration of the financial assistance to ensure that the assistance is being properly utilized. An applicant will be eligible to receive a maximum of two awards, which may or may not be in consecutive years. The EXISS Committee may waive this limit under special circumstances.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application forms will be available on the FEZANA website or from the members of the EXISS committee. However, applications cannot be submitted electronically, as examples and proof of the applicants work (portfolio) will be required.

Three (3) copies of this application form with all attachments (including portfolio items) must be submitted by **May 31, 2010** to:

FEZANA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
EXISS FUND
8615 MEADOWBROOK DRIVE
BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (USA)
EMAIL: exissfund@fezana.org

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A. PERSONAL DATA

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) _____

2. CURRENT ADDRESS _____

3. CURRENT TELEPHONE _____

4. EMAIL _____

5. PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

6. PERMANENT TELEPHONE _____

7. DATE OF BIRTH _____

8. PLACE OF BIRTH _____

9. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP _____

10. NON-CITIZENS - IF PRESENTLY IN USA OR CANADA, WHAT TYPE OF VISA DO YOU HAVE?

11. MARITAL STATUS _____

12. NAME & ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION YOU ARE ENROLLED IN _____

13. DESCRIPTION OF YOUR SPORT _____

14. NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

15. RELATIONSHIP _____

16. ADDRESS OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

17. TELEPHONE/EMAIL OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

B. EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

1. List chronologically all colleges, professional schools or other institutions of higher education you have attended, starting from Secondary/High School. ATTACH TRANSCRIPTS.

Name of Institution	Location	Dates of Attendance	Degree/Diploma

2. List all employers for the past five years (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Name of Employer	Location	Telephone	Dates	Job Description

3. Titles won in your respective sport. Specify year and place.

4. Honors, awards, and scholarships received. Specify year and duration.

5. What are your long-term professional goals? Explain your commitment to pursue your chosen field (attach additional sheets if necessary)

C. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Are you living: alone with spouse with parent with relative in university residence

2. Do you file a US or Canadian tax return? Yes No

3. Are you claimed as a dependent on parents or other relatives? Please specify.

4. Training you intend to take next year for which you need the scholarship

5. Expected cost of training/coaching _____

6. Expected cost of housing next year _____

7. Other expenses for next year such as equipment needed for the sport. Please itemize. (attach additional sheets if necessary)

8. Expected cost of living (food, child care etc) next year _____

9. **TOTAL EXPECTED COSTS** for next year (Add lines 5,6,7,8) = _____

10. List all scholarships, grants, sponsorships, etc you will be receiving next year

Name & Kind of Award	Granting Agency/Person	Amount	Certain/Uncertain

11. Expected income from jobs (including that of spouse)

Place of Employment	Amount	Certain/Uncertain

D. EXTRA – CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. List all extra curricular activities in the past 5 years. Include your participation in student government, clubs, honor societies, educational and/or recreational groups/organizations etc.

Name of organization	Dates	Description of Activity

E. COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. List all activities that demonstrate your service to the Zarathushti and Non-Zarathushti communities. Include activities in the past 5 years.

Name of organization	Dates	Activity

2. What is your vision for the Zarathushti community in the next decade? Where do you see yourself in this vision? (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

F. REFERENCES/ATTACHMENTS

1. List 3 people who will send letters of recommendation for you and state their relationship to you. At least one person must be able to attest to your expertise in the respective sport and one who can attest to your community service record. Letters of recommendation must be sent directly to the FEZANA Administrative Office, at address shown above.

Name	Relationship

2. Please include examples from your portfolio (pictures, videotapes, copies of written work or other proof) showcasing your respective sport.

G. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I certify that the information provided on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I affirm that I am a Zarathushti (Zoroastrian) and that I will use the funds obtained as a result of this application solely for the purpose for which they are granted by FEZANA. If the funds are not needed for the purpose they were given, then I agree to return the unused amount.

I also agree that my name and sports accomplishments may be published in any FEZANA published materials, and to make presentations at North American Zarathushti Events sponsored by FEZANA, when requested to do so, upon mutual convenience.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____