

FEZANA
FEDERATION OF ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA
MOOBED FARIDOON ZARDOSHTY RELIGION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

FEZANA announces the establishment of a Religion Education Scholarship fund in memory of Late Moobed Faridoon Zardoshty. We are grateful for the munificence of Zardoshty sisters, Pari, Homayoun, Iran and Farangis and their families for their generous donation to FEZANA in memory of their beloved father to set up this scholarship fund.

The Moobed Faridoon Zardoshty Religion Education Scholarship/s is to be awarded to selected Zarathushti individual/s for higher studies and research in Zarathushti religion at a recognized institution of Higher Education anywhere in the world.

Current plans are to award these annual scholarships for a period of five years starting in 2003. An amount has been budgeted for each academic year and may be divided amongst one or more selected individuals.

The Religion Education Committee of FEZANA will manage the eligibility and selection of awards of the scholarship/s. Selected individuals will be required to agree to allow FEZANA and/or the Zarathushti community to receive a tangible benefit from their study and/or research.

All interested Zarathushti individuals can request an application for scholarship by providing their contact information, including an email and phone number to:

Chair – FEZANA Religion Education Committee
Kayomars P. Mehta
8122 Circle Drive
Palos Hills, IL 60465-2217
United States of America
Kayomehta@aol.com (708) 974-1238

Eligibility:

- ø This scholarship is available to all Zarathushtis wishing to pursue higher studies and research in Zarathushti Religion, or in ancient languages relevant to the religion, at a recognized Institute of Higher Education anywhere in the world.
- ø The scholarship is available to individuals and not to any institutions.
- ø The candidate must possess a minimum of a High School Diploma or equivalent.
- ø The courses / studies undertaken must be in Zarathushti Religion and not in Comparative Religions.
- ø The courses / studies undertaken must be at undergraduate, graduate or post graduate level.
- ø The courses / studies undertaken may or may not be towards a degree.
- ø To be eligible the applicant must complete the application form and provide all information as specified in the How to apply section.

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How to Apply:

- ø Application form can be requested from kayomehta@aol.com or downloaded from the FEZANA website <http://www.fezana.org>
- ø Fill out the Application as completely as possible. Add attachments if you feel additional information may be pertinent.
- ø Attach detail description of the course/s.
- ø Provide annual financial need for the course/s in local currency as well as in US\$.
- ø State assistance already pledged by other funds, charitable institutions or the institution of choice.
- ø State other financial assistance available from family and friends.
- ø Provide past academic record(s).
- ø Attach Letters of Recommendations. A minimum of three recommendations are required and at least two must be from independent Zarathushtis. Letters of recommendations from Dastoor, Mobeds, Educators, Community Leaders will be preferred.
- ø Completed application together with requested documents must be returned to Kayomarsh P. Mehta, Chair - FEZANA Religion Education, at the above address to reach him no later than March 31st of each year, to be considered for the next academic year.

Scholarship Conditions:

- ø Scholarship winners will be informed by June 15th of their award. However, the award will be subject to them successfully enrolling for the said course.
- ø Successful candidates will need to show proof of enrolment at the institution. Upon receipt of a copy of such proof, the scholarship amount will be issued as close to the institution billing date as possible.
- ø Scholarship will be awarded by FEZANA through a local Zarathushti Anjuman where practical to do so.
- ø At the end of the semester or quarter, copy of the grade report must be sent to the above address. Unsatisfactory grades (C and below, or dropping out) will require the recipient to refund the full scholarship amount.
- ø FEZANA shall reserve the right to publish or reproduce in part or in full any material/s generated by the recipient during the course of these studies, strictly for dissemination to its member organizations and other Zarathushti entities it sees fit. However, no part of the material will be published or reproduced by FEZANA for any monetary gain.

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RATING CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

Applicants will be rated on Merit of the following criteria:

Potential of the Studies to promote further understanding of Zarathushti religion.....	30%
Financial Need	30%
How applicant plans to use the knowledge gained during these studies to benefit our religion and community	20%
Community involvement of the individual.....	10%
Scholastic background and achievements.....	10%

SCHEDULE:

<u>Filing Deadline</u>	March 31 st
<u>Education Committee</u> Review applications, Pre-sort and send applications to Judges.	+ 30 days
<u>Judges</u> Review and rank applications Return to Education Committee.	+ 20 days
<u>Education Committee</u> Review Judges' ranking and clarify, if needed. Complete final list of Scholarship recipients.	+15 days
<u>Education Committee</u> Inform recipients.	+ 10 days
=	+ 75 days (June 15th)

- ø All successful candidates will be informed of the award decision by June 15th.
- ø The scholarship award will be issued as close to institution billing date as possible.

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APPLICATION

Personal Data

NAME (Last, First, Middle): _____

e-mail address: _____ Religion: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Current Address: _____ Telephone No: _____

Permanent Address: _____ Telephone No: _____

Name of Parents _____

Address: _____ Telephone No: _____

Name, e-mail and Address of Institution _____

_____ Telephone No: _____

Total Expense of the studies per Year (in local currency and in U.S. \$): _____

Description of Course(s): _____

Degree sought (if applicable), and Major: _____

Educational and Employment Background

List chronologically all schools, colleges and other Educational Institutions attended.

School Name	Location	Year	Degree / Diploma	Grades/GPA
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

List your Employers for the past five years.

Name of Employer	Location	Years	Contact Phone No. & E-mail
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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Scholastic Achievements

List all Scholarships / Awards received during your academic career:

Name / Kind of Award	Granting Agency	Year Received

Community Involvement

List your involvement and contributions to Zarathushti community/organizations, and your local community. Include all religious and secular activities that you may be involved in

List all Awards or Recognition received from such activity.

Letters of Recommendations

Please attach letters of recommendations. A minimum of three recommendations are required and at least two must be from independent Zarathushtis. Letters of recommendations from Dastoors, Mobeds, Educators, Community Leaders will be preferred. In addition to specific information about the applicant, Recommendation letters should state how they have known of the applicant and how the Zarathushti community will benefit from the study to be undertaken by the applicant.
