



# AL MUAMMAR SCHOLARSHIP FOR JOURNALISM

## APPLICATION

The annual Al Muammar Scholarships for Journalism are administered by the **Arab American Institute Foundation**. They are sponsored by Ms. Mashael Moamar in honor of her mother Zakia and late father Abdulaziz Al Muammar, who were strong advocates of education, and her late grandfather Ibrahim Al Muammar who was a journalist in Egypt. These scholarships were established in 2005 to assist Arab American undergraduate and graduate students studying journalism with the intent to enter the profession. A panel of judges from varied disciplines within the field of journalism will review eligible applications and award \$5,000 each to up to four qualified students. Awardees will be notified in April 2008. The funds awarded will be for the 2008-2009 academic year and will be paid directly to the school designated by the awardee. The application packet, consisting of this form and all additional materials, must be **postmarked by March 3, 2008**.

### ELIGIBILITY

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident of Arab descent
- Full-time student at an accredited college or university in the United States
- To be enrolled as a Journalism major for the 2008 – 2009 academic year
- Current Grade Point Average 3.3 or higher
- Seriously pursuing journalism as a career

### SELECTION CRITERIA

- Commitment to the field of journalism
- Sensitivity to Arab American issues
- Demonstrated community involvement
- Initiative in social advocacy and civic empowerment
- Journalistic ability
- Academic ability
- Financial need

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST & MIDDLE NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

ANCESTRY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_

STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Resident

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT (SCHOOL) ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT GPA \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

ACADEMIC STANDING DURING 2008-2009: \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Student

SCHOOL DURING 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR DURING 2008-2009: \_\_\_\_\_

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**postmarked by March 3, 2008**

**For more information**, contact Scholarship Administrator Sabeen Altaf at (202) 429-9210 or [saltaf@aaiusa.org](mailto:saltaf@aaiusa.org).  
**For additional copies of this form** visit: [www.aaiusa.org/aaf.htm](http://www.aaiusa.org/aaf.htm)

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Estimated College Expenses for the 2008-09 School Year

### Expenses:

Tuition and Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Room and Board \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Books / Supplies \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Transportation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Personal Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Income:

Job/Work Study \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Loans \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Grants: Pell, etc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Gifts \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Scholarship Awards \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Expenses** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (-) **Total Income** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Calculate: **Funds needed**

## ADDITIONAL MATERIALS REQUIRED

Please request the following items be sent directly to the Scholarship Administrator at the address below:

- OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS:** One official transcript sent directly from each college you have attended – please ask your current school to send the transcript **after** your Fall 2008 grades have been recorded (but before March 3).
- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Two letters sent directly from your recommenders.
  - One letter must be from a professor in the applicant's journalism program.
  - The second would ideally be from a leader in an Arab American community organization with which the applicant has had a relationship (Faculty advisor of Arab Student club, volunteer coordinator of social or civic organization, youth coordinator of a church, mosque, etc.)

Please send five copies of the following items, collated into five complete packets, each with one copy of each item, in the following order:

- COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM**
- UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS:** One copy from each college you have attended in each packet.
- RESUME:** No more than two single-sided 8.5" x 11" sheets of paper.
- SHORT ESSAY:** Typed, double-spaced, not to exceed 750 words.
  - Describe your past and current involvement with the Arab American community.
  - Explain how you would use your training in journalism to raise awareness of a critical social or international issue, further the interests of Arab Americans, and/or support grassroots activism.
  - Note in what ways this scholarship would allow you to better focus on your educational and career objectives.
- WORK SAMPLES** May be published or unpublished. We will NOT be able to return ANY work samples.

PRINT JOURNALISM APPLICANTS (enclose 5 copies of each article, collated with the above)

- Enclose up to four articles on 8 ½ x 11" paper. Do not send tear-sheets or term papers.

BROADCAST JOURNALISM APPLICANTS (enclose 5 copies of the relevant media)

- Radio: send up to three stories (total length less than 10 minutes) on audio tapes or CDs.
- TV: send up to three stories (total length less than 10 minutes) on VHS tapes, CDs or DVDs.

## VERIFICATION

I affirm that the information included with my application is true and accurate in all respects, and that I intend to pursue a career in journalism. I also affirm that any award of funds is contingent upon my enrollment in the accredited institution listed on my application. I further affirm that, as a condition of being awarded this scholarship, I will submit a progress report to the scholarship administrator at the end of each semester.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

All materials must be postmarked by **March 3, 2008**

Ask that transcripts and letters of recommendation be sent directly, then mail **five collated sets** of your application packet **in one envelope** to:

Attn: **AI Muammar Scholarship Administrator**  
**Arab American Institute Foundation**  
**1600 K Street NW, Suite 600**  
**Washington, D.C. 20006**