

**THE M. NAZIRUDDIN ALI  
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE  
AN MSA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION FORM**

*The M. Naziruddin Ali Award for Excellence provides national recognition and financial support for students who exhibit outstanding academic strength as well as exceptional service to Muslims and the American and Canadian community at large.*

*A pioneer of Islamic activism in the United States, M. Naziruddin Ali's exemplary dedication to the Muslim American community is illustrated by his lifelong association with MSA National, Islamic Society of North America, and North American Islamic Trust. Beginning as local MSA chapter president at the Illinois Institute of Technology and having chaired numerous MSA annual conferences, he subsequently served as president of MSA National for two terms. During his time as president, he was integral in facilitating the establishment of the Islamic Society of North America. Thereafter, he served as General Manager of NAIT for twenty years. His tireless service, sincerity, and unwavering commitment proved to be crucial in the birth and development of each of these organizations.*

*M. Naziruddin Ali lived by his conviction of striving for excellence through dedication and perseverance in all aspects of his life. He applied this conviction to his educational pursuits, being an accomplished student himself, and was supportive of other students in pursuing academic excellence and achievement as well. He believed that as Muslims, students had the obligation to not only excel in education, but also to carry the responsibility of being of service to the community. Hence, this distinguished award reflects M. Naziruddin Ali's legacy of commitment to academic excellence and service to the American Muslim community as well as the greater community at large.*

*In his honor, scholarships will be awarded to students who exhibit qualities of his exceptional legacy in the amounts of \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,000.*

**Please describe the program(s) and/or institution in which you will be enrolling:**

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**Name of Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Student:**  Yes  No **If No, Starting:**  Fall  Spring  Summer

**PART A. - STUDENT INFORMATION**

**Complete Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** [M/F] **Date of Birth:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address (if different from above) :** \_\_\_\_\_

**US Citizen?**  Yes  No **US Resident?**  Yes  No **Taxpayer Identification Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If not a US citizen, your country of citizenship:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Type of VISA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date VISA expires:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**E-mail(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number(s): (Home)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Mobile)** \_\_\_\_\_

**PART B. - ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

**Current School Type:** :  High School  University / College

**School Name (or equivalent institution):** \_\_\_\_\_ **GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MSA / Islamic Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MSA Position(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Year:**  Freshman,  Sophomore,  Junior,  Senior

**Academic Awards and Honors Received (attach additional pages if needed):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**PART C. - COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION**

**Major Community Service Projects (state specific role and achievements; attach additional pages if needed):**

**1. Project name and affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your role, achievement, and time committed to project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Project name and affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your role, achievement, and time committed to project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Project name and affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your role, achievement, and time committed to project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PART D. - REFERENCES**

**(Two recommendation letters should be sent directly to the Scholarship Committee):**

**1. Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **PART E: ESSAY REQUIREMENT**

Please include a two page double-spaced essay addressing the following areas:

- ✓ Outline your proposed academic area of study and/or career goals as relevant to this scholarship.
- ✓ Explain why you plan to pursue this area of study or topic.
- ✓ Explain how this plan or area of study will be relevant to the welfare of American Muslims and greater society at large.
- ✓ Equipped with the skill set or research expertise that you plan to pursue, elaborate on how you envision your role in serving both the American Muslim and greater community at large.

### **PART F. - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE:**

I certify that the information I have provided on this application is complete and accurate and that I can provide verification thereof, if requested.

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**PART G. – INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION**

1. Applications should be sent via email to [scholarship@msanational.org](mailto:scholarship@msanational.org), with your full name in the subject line. Attached should be a copy of your completed application form, essay, and a scanned copy of your transcript. You must also request each of your two recommenders to send a copy of the recommendation letter via email directly from his or her own professional email account as an attached MS Word or PDF file to [scholarship@msanational.org](mailto:scholarship@msanational.org), with your name as the subject line. If you do not receive a confirmation email within one week of submitting your materials, email the committee immediately as this means that we have not received your materials.
2. One copy of your application materials (application form, transcript, essay, two recommendation letters), must also be mailed to the address below, with all materials included in one package. We will not accept applications in separate pieces. Each recommendation letter must be on official letterhead of the recommender's professional affiliation and signed and sealed in individual envelopes with the recommender's signature signed across the seal. Packages must be received at the MSA National Scholarship office by the stated deadline on the scholarship website. If applications are sent via express mail, you must select the option which waives requirement of signature by the recipient.

**The M. Naziruddin Ali Award for Excellence, An MSA National Scholarship Selection Committee**  
**MSA of the USA and Canada**  
**P.O. Box 1096**  
**Falls Church, VA 22041**

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**To be completed by the Scholarship Committee.**

All parts received: Application \_\_\_\_ Essay \_\_\_\_ Recommendation Letters (2) \_\_\_\_ Transcripts \_\_\_\_

[ ] Approved [ ] Not approved

Application ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_