



Annual Higher Education Scholarship 2026

ICF is proud to announce the sixth annual funding opportunity for our college students. Insha Allah, for this **Fall Semester 2026**, we will award **two \$500 grand prize scholarships** to Muslim undergraduate students **for use toward any college-related expenses**. All Fayetteville, NC Muslim undergraduate students --- Freshmen to Senior (to include High School students who will be entering their freshman year during 2026), and regardless of which local masjid they attend, are eligible to apply.

To apply, a student must meet all eligibility requirements and personally complete the application process. The process includes providing some insight into your background, volunteer work in the community, and your level of financial need. In addition to the application cover sheet, write an essay about why you are attending college, your field of study, why that field is important to you, and how this education benefits your Islamic community and you as a Muslim. Your application will be judged based on organization of thought, as well as grammar. The essay portion must be at least 300 but no more than 400 typed words in length. Submitted applications will apply toward the Fall 2026 semester but can be used for the 2026 Summer session as well. **Completed applications must be turned in to any ICF Shurah member starting on February 1, 2026. The final deadline for submissions is no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2026, with NO EXCEPTIONS. Insha'Allah the winner will be announced during the ICF Eid Al-Fitr on Friday March 20, 2026 (depending on moon sighting).**

Submission Requirements – Applicant Must:

- Be a Muslim from a Fayetteville, NC Islamic Community
 - Complete the entire application process
 - Personally prepare and Attach 300-400 word typed essay
- Provide 1 reference letter from a Fayetteville Islamic Community (non-family) member
 - Provide proof that you have a 2.5 GPA or higher
 - For High School homeschoolers: provide a parent-generated transcript
- Show proof of acceptance/enrollment in an accredited college for the Fall 2026 semester OR Summer 2026 semester

An in-person or Zoom interview may be held for each applicant. You will be notified of the date and time of your interview using the contact information you provide. Failure to show for your confirmed interview will result in automatic disqualification. Please direct any questions regarding this program by email to islamcentfay@yahoo.com or (910) 920-9990



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APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Date/Time Submitted _____

Received By: _____

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Middle Initial _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Number: _____ Email: _____

Short & Long-Term Academic Goals: _____

Volunteer Activities: _____

Name and telephone number to call if unable to reach you: _____

Fayetteville Islamic Center/Masjid You Attend: _____

University/College admitted/enrolled in: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Freshman/Sophomore/Junior/Senior? _____

Year Expected to Graduate? (High School or College) _____