



Arab and Muslim Women's Research and Resource Institute (AMWRRI)

Sinan Othman Scholarship

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Overview:

The Arab and Muslim Women's Research and Resource Institute (AMWRRI) is offering a **\$6,000 scholarship** in the memory of Sinan Othman to support students who are getting a degree in one of the fields identified below.

The mission of AMWRRI is to document and research Arab and Muslim women's experiences while promoting an understanding of issues that impact Arab and Muslim women in the U.S. and abroad. The organization is also dedicated to increasing social and educational advancement for Arab and Muslim women. For several years, AMWRRI has been conducting research on the experiences, perspectives and needs of Muslims who have differences of abilities, which encompass both physical and mental health. One of our research findings is that more Muslims are needed in professions such as social work, mental health counseling, clinical therapy, substance abuse counseling, school counseling, special education, and disability studies.

Scholarship Amount: \$6,000

Qualifications – Applicant must:

- Be majoring in (or be in a graduate program in) one of the following fields: social work, psychology, mental health counseling, clinical therapy, substance abuse counseling, school counseling, special education, or disability studies
- Be enrolled in a U.S. accredited institution as an undergraduate or graduate student
- Have a 3.0 or higher GPA
- Identify as a Muslim
- Be a U.S. Citizen

Deadline: March 15, 2023

How to Apply: Email your application in one pdf to amwrri.scholarship@gmail.com

APPLICATION

Include this checklist with your submission and combine all documents into one pdf.

- ☐ Resumé/CV
- ☐ Official transcript from your university/college
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from a non-family member about the applicant's character, qualities, and achievements applicable to this scholarship
- ☐ Statement of Purpose (1000 words maximum) – please provide the following information:
 - State the reasons for pursuing your major or graduate program, career goal/objectives after graduation, and intended employment setting.
 - Address your interest, commitment, and motivation in working to advance the quality of life for Muslims with regard to mental health or ability differences; include relevant experiences and involvement with Muslim culture, including any paid and/or volunteer work.

Activities Supported by Scholarship

Scholarship funds can be utilized by the recipient for the following activities: tuition, fees required for enrollment, fees/books/supplies/equipment required for course work.

Scholarship Review, Selection, and Distribution of Funds

Review of applications will be conducted by a committee comprised of three reviewers: Dr. Rawan Atari-Khan (Chair of the Scholarship Committee), one AMWRRI board member, and one additional reviewer. The committee will review the application materials in full, taking into consideration the merit of each application.

Applicants will be notified via email regarding the status of their application.

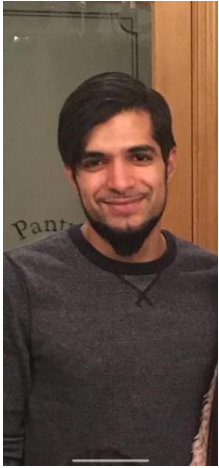
Before any scholarship funds are distributed, the scholarship recipient will be required to:

- Sign a release form that authorizes AMWRRI to use the recipient's name, story/background, and/or photograph in publicity materials. We will ask the recipient for a photograph that we can use in our publicity.
- Sign a short agreement documenting the terms and conditions of the scholarship (e.g., this is a one-time grant; funds will be paid directly to academic institution; and recipient must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 for the academic year in which the scholarship is awarded). The agreement will also specify that the recipient is responsible for any liabilities or obligations incurred in connection with the scholarship, including, but not limited to, U.S. federal, state, or local income tax obligations.

Scholarship funds for the recipient will be sent directly to the university/college for distribution to the student's account.

This scholarship is for the 2023-2024 academic year. Re-occurrence depends on funding.

Conditions for Scholarship Recipients: During the 2023-2024 academic year, the scholarship recipient must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better.

	<p>This scholarship is to honor Sinan Othman, a second generation Arab American Palestinian Muslim who lived his life trying to make sense of how to make the world a better place and how to navigate his multi-layered identities in a world he believed is full of injustice and bigotry towards underprivileged minorities. Sinan Othman was born in January of 1991 and passed away in May of 2021. He had the biggest heart and loved and cherished all of the people around him. Unfortunately, he endured discrimination and issues of belonging at some points in his life, as do many members from immigrant and refugee communities. He loved writing and reading and left a blog with a collection of his poetry: https://sinanothman.wordpress.com</p>
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