

congress2000legacy



A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SET UP BY THE ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON

The application form & information

The **congress2000legacy** scholarship awards will be a distribution from the donations received and the investment earnings of the scholarship funds.

Whereas the ZAH Legacy scholarship is open to students entering all levels of college education from a freshman to a post graduate; the CYRUS ROHINTON DESAI scholarship will be given to a student going to college for the FIRST year and for excellence in community service and academics.

The Congress2000legacy Scholarship program was set up by ZAH to encourage identify & preserve the history of the academic achievers in our community.

APPLICATION DUE DATE , JANUARY 15TH OF EACH YEAR

congress2000legacy Award Committee

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THE AWARD CRITERIA

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- (i) Family must be a paid member of Zoroastrian Association of Houston for last **4 YEARS**.
(Starting from the year 2020)
 - At least one parent should be a Zoroastrian
 - Student should be enrolled or have applied as full time student in a college, university or other institution.
- (ii) Student member should be a paid ZAH member for last **2 YEARS**
(Starting from the year 2020)
 - At least one parent should be a Zoroastrian
 - Student should be enrolled or applied as full time student in a college, university or other institution.
- (iii) **The student has attended at least TWO THIRDS of the annual ZAH Sunday School classes**

As our community grows, so do our applicants and hence a Student member will NOT be eligible to apply for an award if they have already received one.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE (IMPORTANT: Please read carefully)

- Application forms are available from the ZAH website: <http://zah.org/congress2000legacy-2/>
- It is the responsibility of all students to ensure their application has complete information
- Completed applications must be submitted electronically to congress2000legacy@gmail.com
- That all documentation (such as recommendation letters, scores etc.) that the student displays in the application be received by or before the deadline date shown below after which no further changes, additions or documentation will be accepted under any circumstances
- This will allow us to be transparent and offer a fair playing ground for all applicants.

NOTE 1: JUDGES REQUIRE THAT ALL APPLICATIONS BE SUBMITTED USING THE PDF FORM AND TYPE WRITTEN.

NOTE 2: ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE LEGACY CONGRESS COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT OF JANUARAY 15, OF EACH SCHOLARSHIP YEAR.

JUDGING & EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR ALL APPLICATIONS:

congress2000legacy Awards are merit based.

The judging panel will comprise of Zarathushti Academicians selected from North America.

Applicants are evaluated on all of the following criteria

The ZAH Legacy Award will be judged on both “Academic Excellence” AND “Zarathushti Community Service” With Category & Percentage – giving balanced recognition in order to encourage students to focus on BOTH.

ZAH LEGACY AWARDS	High-School student	College student	Comments
Academic Achievement	40%	40%	
Essay	20%	20%	
Letters of Recommendation	10%	10%	
Zarathushti Community Service Activities	20%	10%	Emphasis on ZAH community service such as fund raising, ZHCC upkeep, Youth Group participation, etc.
Mainstream Community Service, Out-Reach & other Activities	10%	20%	Focus on community service outside ZAH, and activities such as sports, scouting, volunteering, etc.

The Cyrus R Desai Award category & percentage are designed– to emphasize that this reward is primarily based on Zarathushti & Mainstream Community Services.

The Nali & Danesh Desai Award also applies to the category shown below

CYRUS R DESAI AWARD	High-School student	College student	Comments
Academic Achievement	25%		
Essay	20%		
Letters of Recommendation	10%	Not Applicable	
Zarathushti Community Service Activities	30%	For This Award	Emphasis on ZAH community service such as fund raising, ZHCC upkeep, Youth Group participation, etc.
Mainstream Community Service, Out-Reach & other Activities	15%		Focus on community service outside ZAH, and activities such as sports, scouting, volunteering, etc.

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DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- i) I certify that the information provided on this application is complete & accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- ii) I affirm that I will use the funds obtained as a result of this application solely for expenses related to attendance at the institution named above.

I have read and understand the instructions and by attesting my signature below I do hereby declare that all information provided is true and complete; that, I will be a fulltime student at the institution named for the period shown in this application.

_____SIGN

_____PRINT FULL NAME

_____DATE

INFORMATION ON APPLICATIONS WILL REMAIN PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES IT IS MEANT. ONLY MEMBERS OF THE ZAH LEGACY COMMITTEE AND THE JUDGING PANEL WILL BE PRIVELEGED TO SE IT.

ZAH, ITS OFFICERS, THE ZAH LEGACY JUDGING PANEL AND THE LEGACY TEAM WOULD BE HELD HARMLESS FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY END UP IF LEAKED. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AN APPLICANT BE AWARE OF THIS BEFOFE MENTIONING ANYTHING IN AN APPLICATION WHICH MAY CAUSE ANY HARM TO ONE'S FAMILY AND/OR SELF.

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AWARD APPLICATION

Application to be completed by the applicant in its entirety

Please TYPE in the requested information throughout the application in the spaces provided. This will ensure that the judges do not have to hunt for (and inadvertently miss) information that is relevant for them to judge.

APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing Address

(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone: _____ email: _____

Current Address: (if different from above)

(Street Address) (If different than that shown above)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

APPLICANT'S DETAILS: (continued)

Date of Birth _____ **Place of Birth** _____

Parent's Name/s:

Parent's Address:

(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone: _____ email: _____

Name of INSTITUTION that you are seeking admission/enrolled in:

Major elected: _____

Career Interests/ Intended Profession or degree

Presently enrolled in: (check one)

- FIRST YEAR** **SOPHOMORE** **JUNIOR**
 SENIOR **POST GRAD**

APPLICANT'S DETAILS: (continued) :

I EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Please TYPE in the requested information below and provide the following documents as addendums to this document: High school transcript, PSAT (if taken) and SAT/ACT scores and AP scores (if relevant).

PSAT SCORES (if taken)

Total: _____ **Mathematics:** _____ **Reading:** _____

SAT SCORES (if taken)

Total: _____ **Mathematics:** _____ **Reading:** _____

SAT SUBJECT (if taken)

	<u>Name of Subject</u>	<u>Score</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

ACT SCORES (if taken)

Composite score: _____

English:___ **Mathematics:**___ **Reading:**___ **Science:**___ **English/Writing:**___

CUMMULATIVE GPA, RANK AND QUARTILE:

High School (Number/Maximum) :/.....

Rank (Number/Total):/.....

Quartile (Number) :

AP COURSES (If applicable)

Number offered in school/Number taken:

Name of Course	Score	Name of Course	Score
1.		7.	
2.		8.	
3.		9.	
4.		10.	
5.		11.	
6.		12.	

ANY ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION? (PLEASE TYPE)

APPLICANT'S DETAILS: (continued)

I EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

On this page type in chronological order all colleges, professional schools or other institutions of higher education you have attended, starting from secondary or high school.

Name of institution	Location	Dates	Degree	Letter Grade GPA
		Attended	Diploma	or equivalent

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. Etc.

APPLICANT'S DETAILS: (continued)

I EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

On this page type in all honors, awards, scholarships received. Specify year and duration.

1. _____
2. _____
- 3.
4. Etc.

APPLICANT'S DETAILS: (continued)

IIa. COMMUNITY SERVICE - ZARATHUSHTI

On this page TYPE in activities that help demonstrate your service to the community. Examples are; help in cleaning ZAH center & its prayer halls, attending camp outs, your roles & other youth activities. Include activities in the past five years; specifying the duration of each, your contributions, and recognition you received (if any).

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. Etc.

APPLICANT'S DETAILS: (continued)

IIb. COMMUNITY SERVICE - NON- ZARATHUSHTI

On this page type in activities that help demonstrate your service to the community. Examples are; Volunteer activities & visits to hospitals, shelters, soup kitchens, senior citizen facilities, & other youth activities. Include activities in the past five years; specifying the duration of each, your contributions, and recognition you received (if any).

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. Etc.

IIIa. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - ZARATHUSHTI:

On this page type in participation in fund raisers, drama, Zarathushti sports, youth camps, Scouts, organizations and student councils including offices held during the past five years. Specify time periods, your contributions and recognitions.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. Etc.

APPLICANT'S DETAILS: (continued)

IIIb. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - NON-ZARATHUSHTI

On this page type in participation in debates, drama, athletics, music, school organizations and student councils including offices held during the past five years. Specify time periods, your contributions and recognitions.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. Etc.

IVa. THE ESSAY Page 1/3 (300-500 words)

Please start the essay by typing in the topic you have chosen for the essay (between 300 and 500 words) and continue on the Pages 15 through 17. **We had sent out a request to prior Sunday School students to contribute some topics for this year’s essay and here they are:**

- 1 What defines me as a Zarathushti and how will my actions and contributions make a difference in my Zarathushti community in the next 20-25 years?
Contributed by – Ervad Yazad Sidhwa

 - 2 “What do Good Thoughts, Good Words, Good Deeds mean to you? Share some examples of your having put these Thoughts, Words and Deeds into practice.”
Contributed by – Jenisteen Davier

 - 3 “What challenges do I foresee in perpetuating the Zarathushti faith in North America?”
Contributed by – Fram S. Haveliwala
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Start your essay here beginning with the title of your choice.....

IVa. THE ESSAY **Page 2/3** **(300-500 words)**

IVa. THE ESSAY Page 3/3 (300-500 words)

IVb. THE ZAH ESSAY Page 1/3 (250-300 words)

We appreciate your willingness to participate in ZAH's new system introduced to track your contributions at ZAH. Write an essay to the following prompt:

What value has ZAH community service been in helping you learn how to live a real Zarathusthi life?

IVb. THE ESSAY Page 3/3 (250-300 words)

V. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Type below the three or more references who will be sending recommendation letters and state their relationship to you. At least one person must be a **teacher** who has had you in class, one who can attest to your **community service record** and one from a **ZAH member**.

Please communicate the following to the persons who you have invited to write letters of recommendation on your behalf to: The Chair at: congress2000legacy@gmail.com

These letters are required to be emailed as PDF files directly by the letter writers before the application deadline of January 15th or they will NOT be accepted.

Please request community mentors to provide information that will help the judges in their deliberations including but not limited to:

1. How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity?
2. Please provide examples of how the candidate has demonstrated an understanding of Zarathushti values.
3. Please comment (with justification) on the promise the candidate shows in giving back to the Zarathushti community.

Please request teachers/professors to provide information that will help the judges in their deliberations including but not limited to highlight the

1. Academic ability of the applicant.
2. Potential for success at a university that includes passion for learning, perseverance, study habits, etc.

1. _____
Name & Relationship

2. _____
Name & Relationship

3. _____
Name & Relationship

4. _____
Name & Relationship

5. _____
Name & Relationship

6. _____
Name & Relationship

ADDENDUMS:

1. **High school transcript**
2. **PSAT scores (if taken)**
3. **SAT/ACT scores (if taken)**
4. **AP scores (if taken)**
5. **Letters of recommendation in the same order as listed on Page 21 of the application**

Note: Students already in college / graduate students please submit your university transcript in addition to the high school transcript.

We thank you for your application and wish you the best of luck in your academic quest for a great tomorrow!

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