The Zarathushti Legacy:

Seizing the Future

A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SET UP BY

THE ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON

With surplus funds generated from the Houston 2000 World Zarathushti Congress a legacy was created

And we call it……..

"The Congress 2000 Legacy"

Our Mission

To provide a vehicle allowing for ZAH youth to acquire knowledge & develop leadership roles to meet the changes in the New World while continuing to maintain our core ethical Zarathushti values.

Goals & Objective

Develop a master plan for effective use of the legacy funds and building forward through education.

These will allow for:

- Excellence in Education
- Excellence in a chosen profession
- Encourage Entrepreneurship

The ZAH Award

Each year, the congress 2000 legacy Award will recognize young Zoroastrian students who are studying at or about to enter the University at all levels and who have achieved excellence in their scholastic studies, in extra-curricular activities and who have made substantial contribution to Zarathushti community affairs.

The Donor Awards

The Desai family generously contribute to one award every year and that Legacy Award is named the 'CYRUS ROHINTON DESAI' scholarship and is given to a youth going to college for the **FIRST YEAR**, because all that Cyrus wanted was to attend a college, even if it was just for a day.

The Donor Awards

For the past two years we have received an additional Award based on The Zarathusthi criteria from our ZAH members,

Nali & Danesh Desai

As we remain grateful to our donors, we wish some more would step up and help us move forward

Our Future Plans Call For

- Set up a working plan to generate funds to be distributed as interest free loans
- Develop a mechanism for funding sources
- Add a vehicle to offer funds to one ZAH youth to attend each North American Congress

Our proud winners

Year	congress2000legacy Award	Cyrus Rohinton Desai Award
2007	Veera Sidhwa & Nikita Bhappu (Shared)	—
2008	Zarina Pundole & Darius Byramji (Shared)	—
2009	Naomi Bhappu	Hormazd Minwalla
2010	Zal Bhathena	Bahrom Firozgary
2011	Mitra Khumbatta & Viraf Nariman (Shared)	Fram Haveliwala
2012	—	Cyra Byramji & Cyrus Byramji (Shared)
2013	Shayan Bhathena	Ervad Rayomand Katrak
2014	Natalya Haveliwala	Farzad Sunavala
2015	Award#1 – Friyana Sidhwa Award#2 – Rohan Chakraborty	Ervad Vispi Katrak
2016	Rayhan Nariman	Freya Daroga
2017	Award#1 – Tanaya Behramsha Award#2 – Alyssa Tamboli & Farzad Sarkari (shared)	Katie Master
2018	—	—
2019	Award#1 – Ashish Chakraborty Award#2 – Ervad Yazad Sidhwa (Donated by Nali & Danesh Desai)	Award#1 – Zubin Master Award#2 – Rayomand Hormuzdi

The Legacy Team, Today

This team will be responsible for the operations pursuant to the "TOR" set up by the Team and this document is and will be a structural, organization & operating procedure guideline.

Any major or financial changes to the TOR will have to be ratified by the AGM.

The current members are:

- **Homi Davier chair**
- **Vispi Sagar**
- **Farzad Sunavala**

Past Team Members were

- Percy Behramsha
- Pearline Collector
- Farrokh Mistree
- Aban Rustomji

We at ZAH remain grateful to our past members whose contribution have added immense value to this program.

The Mistree Lecture Series

Each year we have Dr Farrokh Mistree & wife Dr Janet Allen who come on their own time, money & resources to enlighten our kids on what to expect from their new life at college & also how to apply for good schools & scholarships.

We are grateful to them for these sessions and are delighted that they intend to continue.

The Mistreee Lecture Series Flyer

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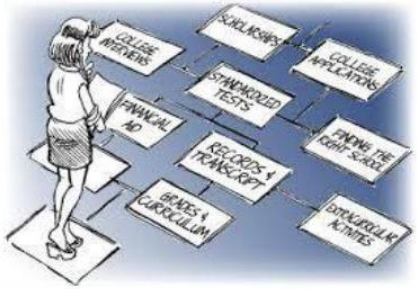
SEMINAR - PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

Dr. Farrokh Mistree and his wife Dr. Janet Allen, members of the ZAH community, will conduct a seminar for college bound students and their parents. Please attend.

Day and Date: Sunday, Oct 13, 2019
Time: 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Place: Zarathushti Heritage & Cultural Center (ZHCC)
RSVP: CyrusMistry123@gmail.com



Topics being discussed are very well designed to help students (8th thru 12th grade) and parents are encouraged to attend

- Admission dos and don'ts for college
- Application process for Colleges

2020 changes to the Criteria

The following three slides will show the changes made to the criteria for students applying for scholarships effective the year 2020 and beyond.

These changes were introduced by the present EC and were incorporated after discussion between our EC and the Legacy Team

Changes made to the criteria effective the 2020 year are

THE AWARD CRITERIA

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Changes to criteria effective the year 2020

(i) Family must be a paid member of Zoroastrian Association of Houston for last **4 YEARS**.

- 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**

- 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.

Changes made to the criteria effective the 2020 year are

Applicants are evaluated on all of the following criteria percentages:

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		10% 10%	10%	Emphasis on Communit service at, ZAH and/or other Zarathushti services & effots outside of ZAH too. The student has attended at least TWO THIRDS of the annual ZAH Sunday School classes
Mainstream Community Service, Out-Reach & other Activities		10%	20%	Focus on Community service outside ZAH, and activities such as Sports, Scouting, Volunteering, Etc.

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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

RUS R DESAI AWARD		High-School student	College student	Comments
Academic Achievement		25%		
Essay		20%		
Letters of Recommendation		10%	Not Applicable	
Zarathushti Community Service Activities		20% 10%	For This Award	Emphasis on Community (ZAH) service such as fund raising, ZHCC upkeep, Youth Group participation, etc. The student has attended at least TWO THIRDS of the annual ZAH Sunday School classes
Mainstream Community Service, Out-Reach & other Activities		15%		Focus on Community service outside ZAH, and activities such as Sports, Scouting, Volunteering, Etc.

We need to strive and raise additional funds

Any ideas or assistance would be much appreciated

Let’s get to work!