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 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

2019
Award #1 - Ashish Chakraborty
Award #2 - Ervad Yazad Sidhwala

2018
Award #1 - Tanaya Behramsha
Award #2 - Alyssa Tamboli & Farzad Sarkari

2017
Shayan Bhathena

2016
Rayhan Nariman

2015
Award #1 - Friyana Sidhwa
Award #2 - Rohan Chakraborty

2014
Natalya Havelwala

2013
Zal Bhathena

2012
Mitra Khumbatta & Viraf Nariman (Shared)

2011

2010
Naomi Bhappu

2009

2008
Zarina Pundole & Darius Byramji (Shared)

2007
Veera Sidhwa & Nikita Bhappu (Shared)

Year Congress Legacy Award

Award #1 - Zuhin Master
Award #2 - Rayomand Hormuzdi

Award #1 - Farzad Sunavala
Award #2 - Ervad Rayomand Katrak

Cyrus Rohinton Desai Award

Hormuzd Minwalla

Fraya Daroga

Katie Master

Ervad Vispi Katrak

Ervad Rayomand Katrak

Byramji & Cyrus Byramji

Bahrom Firozgery

Fram Havelwala

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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 congress 2000 legacy is an award program of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston.

**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.

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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

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We need to strive and raise additional funds.

Any ideas or assistance would be much appreciated.

Let’s get to work!