

**PANTEA FARAHMAND** is a fourth year honors student in University of California, San Diego. She is currently in the process of applying to medical school with the hopes of becoming an Oncology Surgeon. In addition to studying the courses necessary to get a diploma in the Neuroscience and Animal Physiology field, she also participates in various extracurricular and clinical research activities. She is a mentor in the organization Friends Understanding Needs, the Publicity Chair in the Pre-Health for the Deaf Club, and an independent researcher in the Language and Cognitive



Science Laboratory of Professor Tracy Love in UCSD. She is also very proud of her involvement as the co-founder and an active member of UCSD's Zoroastrian Club. The club has been successful in educating university students—Zarathushtis and non-Zarathushtis—of the religion's historical significance. Since she believes it is important to be immersed in socially conscious involvements she makes it her life's goal to work hard and deduce new ways of improving the world's condition.

*Scholarships*

## FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS (2007-2008)

Applications are invited for the **FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP MEHRABAN AND MORVORID KHERADI (MMK) ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - THE FEZANA SCHOLAR.**

**BANOObAI AND MANECKSHAW KAPADIA (BMK) ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

All scholarships are open to Zarathushti applicants who have obtained admission for attendance at institutions of higher learning (accredited degree-granting colleges or universities) in USA or Canada.

**Scholarships:** Scholarships for the academic year 2007-2008 will be awarded in September 2007

**Eligibility:** Applicants must complete the application form and provide documentation for: (1) proof of USA or Canada citizenship. (For non citizens a minimum of one year or two semesters residency in USA or Canada academic institution is required) (2) past academic records and accomplishments (attach documentation of the past four years only) (3) program of study (4) annual financial need including assistance already pledged by other funds, charitable institutions or the institution of choice; (5) other financial assistance available from family and friends (6) community service including contributions to Zarathushti functions and organizations (7) three reference letters

**Award Criteria:** Applicants will be rated on Scholastic Achievement (40%), Financial Need (40%), Extra-curricular Activities (10%) and Community Service (10%).

**The Mehraban and Morvorid Kheradi Endowment Scholarship of \$5000 will be awarded to a post graduate student for scholastic excellence**

**The Banoobai and Maneckshaw Kapadia Endowment Scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded for undergraduate studies to a student with good academic standing who demonstrates financial need.**

**Application:** Application forms are available from the FEZANA website at [www.fezana.org](http://www.fezana.org) or from Dr Dolly Dastoor ([dollydastoor@sympatico.ca](mailto:dollydastoor@sympatico.ca)) Completed application forms should be post-marked August 1, 2007 to:

**DOLLY DASTOOR Ph.D, Chair, FEZANA Academic Scholarship Program, 3765, Malo, Brossard, QC Canada J4Y 1B4**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### PERFORMING AND CREATIVE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP 2007



The FEZANA Performing and Creative Arts Scholarship (P&CAS) provides financial support to Zarathushtis who are performing artists in music, drama, etc. or practice other creative art forms like literature, poetry, fine arts, sculpture, painting, etc. The scholarship is to enable the recipients study with experts in their field and fine tune and enhance their talent and capabilities, IT IS NOT FOR BASIC EDUCATION IN THE ABOVE FIELDS.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA;** Applicants must (1) profess and practice the Zarathushti faith (2) be high school graduates (3) be legal residents or citizens of USA or Canada. Foreign students holding legal status in USA or Canada may also apply provided they have been in North America for at least one year.

**SELECTION CRITERIA :** Applicants will be judged on their academic preparation, and past record in their program of study, their commitment to pursue the chosen art form, their annual financial need, the assistance pledged by other sources, extra curricular activities and services performed for the Zarathushti community.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE :** Application forms available at [www.Fezana.org](http://www.Fezana.org) .

**Submit 5 copies of the form with all attachments (including portfolio items) by March 31, 2007 to:**

**SHERAZADE F. MEHTA, 5400 Preston Oaks Rd, #3048 Dallas TX 75354 (U.S.A), Tel: (972) 385-4847 e-mail: [sherazadem@yahoo.com](mailto:sherazadem@yahoo.com)**

# SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

A list of miscellaneous scholarships is given below:

● **FEZANA Scholarships** and **Mehraban & Morvord Kheradi Endowment Scholarship – FEZANA Scholar, and Bannobai and Maneckshaw Kapadia Edowment Scholarship** for students at institutions of higher learning in USA/Canada. Dr. Dolly Dastoor, dollydastoor@sympatico.ca, tel: 450-656-2036, www.fezana.org.

● **Moobed Faridoon Zardoshty Religion Education Scholarships** for higher studies/research in Zarathushti religion at an institution of higher education anywhere in the world. Kayomars P. Mehta, kayomehta@aol.com, tel: 630-654-8828, www.fezana.org.

● **Fali Chothia Charitable Trust** scholarships for students in NA universities. ferozafitch@lexicongraphics.net, tel: 301-564-3726, www.zamwi.org/about/2001FCCT.pdf

● **ZAC (Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago) loans/scholarships** for study in USA & Canada. ZACscholarships@yahoo.com, www.zac-chicago.org.

● **ZSBC (Zoroastrian Society of British Columbia)** awards scholarships to its members seeking admission to a university. Homi Italia, (604) 438-2076, www.zsbc.org.

● **Performing & Creative Arts Scholarship** offered by FEZANA/ZYNA. Application form is on www.fezana.org. Anahita Sidhwa, afsidhwa@dcccd.edu.

● **Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships** support graduate education for immigrants and children of immigrants. www.pdsoros.org.

● **Houtan Scholarship Foundation** offers a scholarship of \$2,500 per semester for studies in Iranian language and culture. Visit www.houtan.org.

● **Indo American Community Foundation** offers scholarships of \$3,000 per year to Indian Americans. Visit www.upakar.org.

● **Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO)** scholarships, for research in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Tajikistan). www.irex.org/programs/iaro. Also visit www.irex.org/programs/roberts for study grants in Iran.

● **Institute of International Education's** Scholar Rescue Fund offers fellowships to scholars from any country and in any discipline, whose life, security or work is threatened in their home regions. Visit www.iie.org/SRF. Email: SRF@iie.org.

● **Harvard's Pluralism Project** offers research grants. staff@pluralism.org; www.pluralism.org/research/student\_grant.php. For summer internships, visit www.pluralism.org/resources/calendar/summer\_internships.php

● **National Science Foundation** offers grants for documenting endangered languages. Visit v/Applicants/NSF/OIRM/HQ/04-605/Grant.html.

● **Gates Millenium Scholars Program** offers awards for science studies. Visit

www.gatesfoundation.org/Education/Scholarships/Announcements/Announce-040607.htm.

● Global Environment Facility of the **World Bank** and **YES**, offers fellowships for entrepreneurs in field of renewable energy. Visit <http://www.projects.takingitglobal.org/>

● Scholarships for **Commonwealth citizens**. www.csfonline.org/hostcountries/uk/

● **Royal Society scholarships** in science. www.royalsoc.ac.uk/funding/

● **Marshall scholarships** for Americans in UK. www.marshallscholarship.org.

● **Fulbright exchange programs**. Visit [www.fulbrightexchanges.org/base/grant.asp](http://www.fulbrightexchanges.org/base/grant.asp).

● **UNESCO** 'Information for All,' an international information society initiative offers funding for information literacy projects. www.portal.unesco.org/ci/en/

● **Indicorps fellowships** for a one-year public service program in India. www.indicorps.org. Email: info@indicorps.org, or contact 2004 Indicorps scholar roshnikasad@yahoo.com.

● **Canadian Subsidy Directory** contains 3100 listings of government grants and loans, including foundations and associations. \$69.95. Call 450-224-9275.

● **Boren Scholarships** and **Graduate Fellowships**. <http://nsep.aed.org>.

● **Jacob E. Javits Fellowships**. Undergrads or first year of graduate study. Includes social sciences, arts, humanities. [www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index.html).

● **Gates Cambridge Scholarship**. All countries (except UK) eligible. www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk.

● **Harry S. Truman Scholarship** Foundation. Graduate funding for career in government or public service. www.truman.gov.

**Keyannejad-Kapadia Zoroastrian Scholarship Fund** (endowed by Homi Kapadia and Mahkrokh Keyannejad) for a member of Triangle Fraternity. www.Triangle.org/TEF. [See ad in this section].

● **Rotary Scholarships**, to citizens of all countries where there are Rotary Clubs. Rotary ambassadorial Scholarships are at: [www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb\\_scho/rotarian/award/avail.htm](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/rotarian/award/avail.htm)

● **Goldwater Scholarships** for sophomores and juniors, for mathematics, natural science, engineering. [www.act.org/goldwater](http://www.act.org/goldwater).

● A list of **trusts/organizations in India**, which support postgraduate studies abroad is given in Parsiana, December 2001. Contact Parsiana@vsnl.net.

● Scholarships **mainly for students in India**. <http://educationsupport.nic.in/allscholarship.asp?allsch=Yes>.

● **Engineering Scholarship by Northrop Grumman** of \$10,000 to student in Maryland, Baltimore and Illinois. [www.es.northropgrumman.com](http://www.es.northropgrumman.com)



## **MOOBED FARIDOOON ZARDOSHTY RELIGION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**FEZANA has established a Religious Education Scholarship fund in memory of Late Moobed Faridon Zardoshty. We are grateful for the munificence of Zardoshty sisters, Pari, Homayoun, Iran and Farangis and their families for their generous donation to FEZANA in memory of their beloved father to set up this scholarship fund.**

The Moobed Faridoon Zardoshty Scholarship(s) is to be awarded to selected Zarathushti individual(s) for higher studies and research in Zarathushti religion at a recognized institution of higher education anywhere in the world. Current plans are to award these annual scholarships for a period of 5 years starting in 2003. An amount has been budgeted for each academic year and may be divided amongst one or more selected individuals. The Religion Education Committee of FEZANA will manage the eligibility of selection of awards. Awardees will be required to follow FEZANA and/or the Zarathushti community to receive the tangible benefit from their study and/or research.

All interested Zarathushti individuals can request an application for scholarship from

Lovji Cama, Chair, FEZANA Education, Scholarship and Conference Committee,  
58 Leroy St, Tenafly, NJ 07670, USA. e-mail: [ldcama@verizon.net](mailto:ldcama@verizon.net) 201-569-7359

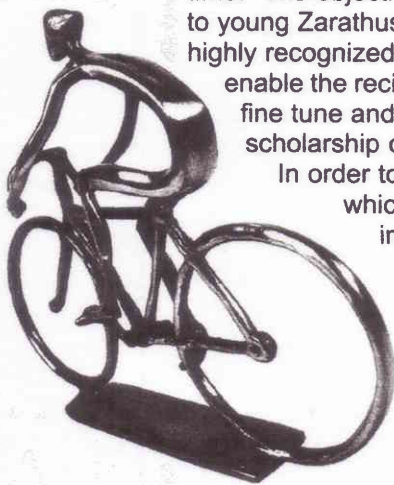
Deadline for receiving the completed applications with all attachments is March 31, 2007.



## **FEZANA SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP (EXISS)**

FEZANA created an EXcellence In Sports Scholarship (EXISS) Fund last year for the first time. The objectives of the Excellence in Sports Scholarship is to provide financial support to young Zarathushtis (between the ages of 10-30) who are performing exceptionally and at highly recognized levels in all areas of Sports activity. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable the recipients to get world-class training or study with experts in their field and thus fine tune and enhance their talent and capabilities. If you feel you would qualify for this scholarship or would like more information, please email us at [exissfund@yahoo.com](mailto:exissfund@yahoo.com).

In order to apply for this scholarship, you will have to complete a formal application, which we will send you by email once you have contacted us regarding your interest to apply. The deadline for all applicants is March 31, 2007. For any further questions or information, please contact Khushchehr Italia, the Co-Chairperson on this committee, at the email address above.





# MASSIAH FOUNDATION EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

**The Massiah scholarships of \$10,000, funded by Dr. Fariborz Maseeh will be awarded to two (2) qualified, full-time Zarathushti students, studying in 12th grade high school or are undergraduate or graduate students as of December 31st 2006, majoring in Arts, Science or Engineering.**

## **Qualifications**

- Admission or enrollment in one of the top accredited US universities.
- Academic excellence in Arts, Science or Engineering with a minimum of 3.5 cumulative GPA.
- Based on the student's high school records for candidates with less than one year of college with minimum SAT of 2100 or On the student's college records for students with more than one year of college.
- Two letters of recommendations from professors.

## **Recognitions**

- The scholarships will be named the Massiah Scholarships and the recipient will be designated as Massiah Scholars.
- Each student will be awarded \$5,000.00 towards his or her educational expenses.
- The award will be presented to the students in the FALL of 2007 in a special ceremony at California Zoroastrian Center in Westminster, California or any other similarly appropriate place.
- Payments for educational expenses will be paid within 30 days of the award ceremony of scholars.

## **Applications**

Send transcripts with a brief cover letter, including contact information and recommendation letters to the address below or to [emehrfar@yahoo.com](mailto:emehrfar@yahoo.com) and CC to [cPc\\_Conference@cZc.org](mailto:cPc_Conference@cZc.org) with email subject of 'cZc/cPc Massiah Scholarship' at your earliest convenience. Qualified candidates will be contacted.

For more details, please see 'cPc' on [www.cZc.org](http://www.cZc.org).

**California Zoroastrian Center - Council on Persian Culture**

**Massiah Foundation Educational Scholarships**

**8952 Hazard Avenue Westminster, CA 92683**

**For more information regarding Massiah Foundation, [www.Massiah.com](http://www.Massiah.com)**

## *Jacobs Foundation*

**The Jacobs Foundation** established by Klaus J. Jacobs in December, 1988, in Zurich, Switzerland, is a private philanthropic organization, operating throughout the world. The Foundation supports scientific research projects and their implementation which

- lastingly enhance the quality of young people's lives
- promote their personal and professional development, and
- enable them to personally contribute to shaping tomorrow's world

Application procedures: <http://www.jacobsfoundation.org/> Applications accepted March 1 and September 1 of each year



## **International Reporting Project (IRP)**

*Fellowship is based at Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies [SAIS], one of the country's leading graduate schools devoted to the study of international relations.*

*Each year the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation provides support for IRP Fellows to cover global health issues.*

*The next deadline for applications for the IRP Fellowships and the NPR-Bucksbaum International Fellowship is April 1, 2007, for the Fall 2007 program.*

*For more information, email [irp@jhu.edu](mailto:irp@jhu.edu) or visit [www.internationalreportingproject.org](http://www.internationalreportingproject.org).*

*For additional information on the NPR-Bucksbaum International Fellowship, visit <http://www.npr.org/about/fellowships/international.html>.*



### **ADVANCE NOTICE** **The Points of Light Foundation** **Mini Grants available** **January 2007 and January 2008**

In 2005 The Foundation received nearly 70 grant applications, and after a series of technical assistance conference calls/e-mails and an internal review process, the applicants were awarded grants in increments from \$1,000 to \$10,000, for a total of \$90,000.

For the year 2007 about \$ 90,000 will be available as grants. **This is a competitive process which requires planning, organization in advance and writing a good proposal**

[http://www.pointsoflight.org/about/mediacenter/tothepoint/2006/03/volaction\\_belovedcommunity.cfm](http://www.pointsoflight.org/about/mediacenter/tothepoint/2006/03/volaction_belovedcommunity.cfm)

For more information on MLK Day and the Faith and Outreach Initiative, please contact Reverend Mark Farr, senior director, Outreach at (202) 729-8144.

#### **NOTE**

The wonderful volunteer work the Zarathushtis did earlier this year, with the earthquake clothes collection drive for survivors in Pakistan, can serve as a backdrop for future applications to the Points of Light Foundation, since those who make the decisions will be looking for evidence that the organization receiving the money can deliver what they promise to do.

Rev Mark Farr, the senior Director of Outreach knows of FEZANA. This is an authentic program and an opportunity available to volunteer groups all across the USA. (Editor)