

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

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Award Committee

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THE AWARD CRITERIA

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Changes to criteria effective the year 2020 have been highlighted.

- (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.

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.
- **THAT ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CONGRESS COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT OF JANUARY 15, OF EACH SCHOLARSHIP YEAR**

JUDGING & EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR ALL APPLICATIONS:

congress2000legacy Awards are merit based and the judging panel will comprise of Zarathushti Academicians selected from North America.

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%	Emphasis on Community service at, ZAH and/or other Zarathushti services & efforts 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.

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%	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.

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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

APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing Address

(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone: _____ email: _____

Current Address

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

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

APPLICANT'S DETAILS: (continued)

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.

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

Parent's Name:

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)

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FRESHMAN | <input type="checkbox"/> SOPHOMORE | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR | <input type="checkbox"/> 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?

APPLICANT'S DETAILS: (continued)

I EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

On this page type in chronologically 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; visits to hospitals, shelters, soup kitchens, cleaning prayer halls & 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; visits to hospitals, shelters, soup kitchens, cleaning prayer halls & 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 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.

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.

IV THE ESSAY Page 1/3

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 14 through 16. The topics for 2018 are:

- 1. How will I contribute for my Zarathushti community in the new "Millennial" generation?**
- 2. How will I adapt our rich Zarathushti traditions, culture & history in mainstream America for success and growth?**

V. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Do type in below the three or more references who will send recommendation letters and state their relationship to you. At least one person must be a **teacher** who has had you in class and one who can attest to your **community service record** and one letter 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

PLEASE NOTE: that these are required to be emailed as PDF files directly by the person/s NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT OF JANUARAY 15, OF EACH SCHOLARSHIP YEAR

- **From teachers:** A recommendation to highlight the academic ability of the applicant and the potential for success at a university
- **From community mentors:** A recommendation to highlight how well the candidate has participated and contributed to the well-being of the community.

1. _____
Name & Relationship

2. _____
Name & Relationship

3. _____
Name & Relationship

4. _____
Name & Relationship

5. _____
Name & Relationship

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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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 17 of the application**

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