



A Brief Description of the Afghan Scholarship Fund

The Afghan Scholarship Fund is a not-for-profit corporation registered with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services of Ontario and the Ontario Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee (Corporation No. 1781230). It was founded by a group of university students and alumni of Afghan descent who share a concern of the educational achievements of Afghan youth in Ontario.

ASF's main purpose is to promote post-secondary education amongst Afghan youth in Ontario. This goal is pursued in a number of ways; namely, through offering scholarships, bursaries and awards. This year, ASF will award \$1000 scholarship to a graduating Afghan high school student attending a university in Canada. This student will be selected from a pool of applicants. This scholarship will be an annual award. In addition to providing financial support, the ASF plans to establish a mentorship program, linking successful Afghan university students and alumni with Afghan high school students. The mentors will lead through example and provide advice on how to apply to university, etc.

The first ASF Scholarship Award was approved by the TDSB on April 23rd, 2009. It was advertised through the use of posters in TDSB schools and in Afghan stores and restaurants. It was also announced on Afghan radio and television programs. The deadline to apply for this scholarship was May 29th, 2009. Applicants had to fill out an online application from our website (www.afghanscholarship.wordpress.com), as well as submit a reference letter and their Ontario Secondary School Transcript. The winner will be announced by late August.

To be eligible for this award, students must be graduating from an Ontario high school and planning to attend a Canadian university. They should have an average of at least 70%. They must also display financial need. The purpose of this award was to help a student with financial need. Hence, financial need made up the bulk of the criteria for selecting a winner. In filling out the application, the applicant has the opportunity to discuss why they believe they deserve the award and how the award will help them.

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