

IDB Scholarship Program for Muslim Communities in Non-Member Countries (SPMC) 2017-2018

The following information about the IDB scholarship is based on what posted on the IDB website at: <http://www.isdb.org/irj/go/km/docs/documents/IDBDevelopments/Internet/English/IDB/CM/ScholarshipAndAssistance/Scholarship/SPMC/About.html#7>

ISNA Canada has augmented some information based on consultations with IDB.

1.Introduction

The Program was launched in 1404H (1983G), named "The IDB Scholarship Program for Muslim Communities in Non-Member Countries" (SPMC).

2.Objective and Scope

The objective of the Program is to improve the socio-economic conditions for Muslims and to preserve the cultural and religious identities of Muslim Communities in Non-member Countries by developing their human capital resources.

The Program provides scholarship to the academically meritorious but financially needy young Muslim students to pursue undergraduate or first-degree study in professional courses.

3. Concept

The concept of the Program is to build a team of professional and committed Muslims as means for improving the socio-economic conditions of their communities. Under this program, the scholarships are given as interest-free loans to students but grants to the communities to which they belong. After graduation and gainful employment, all graduates are obliged to repay their loan amount to the community (ISNA/IDB Trust) for recycling and awarding additional scholarships to the local needy students.

4.Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this scholarship, the student/applicant must be able to meet the following basic criteria:

- a. Age not over 24 years. (IDB will consider requests from those over 24 for special permission)
- b. Completed senior secondary/pre-university education with good grades in major science subjects and language of instruction.
- c. Secured admission in one of the disciplines covered under the Program at a recognized college or university in their own countries (for in-country study). (IDB will consider requests from those students who have secured admission in the United States at a university with a rating higher than any university in Canada)
- d. Not in receipt of any other scholarship. (Study related internships will be considered)
- e. Committed and needy Muslim.
- f. Recommended by the Counterpart Organization. ISNA Canada is the recommending organization for Canada)

5.Fields of study

Medicine, Engineering, Pharmacy, Nursing, Computer Science. Other fields related to above disciplines such as Nutrition, Veterinary, Dentistry, Medical Technology, Agriculture, Food

Technology, and Fishery. (Commerce, Teacher Education, Law, Math, and Architecture will also receive consideration.

6.Place of study

Consistent with the concept of the program, students must get admission or be in the first year in their own countries. (IDB will consider requests from those students who have secured admission in the United States at a university with a rating higher than any university in Canada) On exceptional basis and where admissions in professional courses are not possible or not available in any particular country, the IDB assists to place students from these countries in IDB member countries, which have been generous enough to provide places for the IDB students in their universities.

7.Benefits

The program covers all relevant expenses during students' study period, including tuition fees, health and living costs as determined by the IDB.

8.Annual Time-table

ISNA Canada deadline for submission of a completed application this year is July 31, 2017.

9. Document required for processing of an application.

(Please tick and do not send unless all items are ticked "Yes"):

- a. Certified true copy of birth certificate Yes ___ No ___
- b. Certified true copy of secondary school certificate Yes ___ No ___
- c. Transcripts/copies of reports of grades of last two years of high school Yes___ No ___
- d. Certified true copy of certificate of admission (in one of the approved fields of study) to a College or a University Yes ___ No ___
- e. Declaration of intent to comply with IDB scholarship rules and regulations (Attachment-1) Yes ___ No ___
- f. Certification of the applicant's Declaration by a recognized Muslim Organization (Attachment-2) Yes ___ No ___
- g. Declaration of Intent to Refund (Attachment-3) Yes ___ No ___
- h. Two passport-size photographs (4 cm x 6 cm) Yes ___ No ___
- i. Certificate of good health from a doctor or a hospital Yes ___ No ___

10. Important Notes:

- a. All applicants are required to show their original certificates (including certificate of University or College Admission) at the time of the interview.
- b. Giving false information may result in either cancellation of already approved application or termination of scholarship.
- c. All inquiries about the Program should be addressed to the designated IDB Counterpart Organization for the Scholarship Program in the country or to the Organization or person mentioned in the advertisement of the program

11. How to apply

The duly signed application form along with the required letters of recommendation and other educational documents should be sent to the following address:

ISNA Canada IDB Scholarship Program
2200 South Sheridan Way
Mississauga, Ontario L5J 2M4

Kindly download the application form available from the ISNA Canada website:

<http://www.isna.ca/downloads/misc/IDB/IDBApplicationForm.pdf>

or

contact:

Tel: (905) 403-8406 Ext. 206

Email: info@isnacanada.com Website: www.isnacanada.com