

SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

The Taslimi Foundation Scholarship, in honor of Abdul-Hussein Taslimi, is awarded annually to Iranian students deprived of the right to higher education due to human rights abuses in Iran, and who face discrimination based on religion, ethnicity, or politics, and are pursuing full-time studies in a master's or doctoral program in the fields of humanities and/or social sciences. The following list details candidacy requirements for this scholarship:

1. The Scholarship is a merit-based award, with candidates required to have successfully completed their undergraduate studies with a minimum GPA of 3.7 (A-) over the final two years of full-time studies (4 years for part-time studies). However, financial need will also be taken into account by the Scholarship Committee when making its selections.
2. Preference will be given to applicants who have completed the entry qualifications for master's or doctoral study.
3. The Scholarship offers three separate awards valued at \$5,000, \$7,000 and \$10,000 with each award paid to the respective student in four equal installments over the first two years of his or her program.
4. The successful candidate will be required to formally accept the award within one month following the official offer. Failure to do so will invalidate the offer.
5. Any discontinuation of studies could, at the sole discretion of the Taslimi Foundation Scholarship Committee, lead to the termination of payments.
6. Successful completion of the program of studies would conclude the award.
7. The Scholarship Committee may terminate awards and payments at any time if it deems the academic commitment or progress made within the required timeframe for completing the degree is unsatisfactory, or that the recipient is not complying with the conditions governing the award. In the event of such a situation, the award recipient will be entitled to an appeal of the Scholarship Committee's decision.
8. Award recipients may simultaneously hold awards other than the Taslimi Foundation Scholarship, provided that they are brought to the attention of the Scholarship Committee, in writing, at the time of the application or as soon as they are awarded thereafter.
9. Any change in circumstances related to the recipient's eligibility for the award must be reported immediately to the Scholarship Committee, who will then reassess the student's award status.

Taslimi Foundation Scholarship - 2013-2014 APPLICATION CYCLE

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. (PDT) on **31 October 2014** to:

Taslimi Foundation Scholarship Committee
1805 Colorado Ave.
Santa Monica
CA 90404
USA

In the event that this closing date falls on a weekend or public holiday, the deadline will be postponed to the next working day.

Enquiries may be directed to:

Tel.: + 1 (310) 447-3000
Fax: +1 (310) 447-0432
Email: scholarships@taslimifoundation.org

Prior to submitting your application, please ensure that you have carefully and accurately completed the form in its entirety, that all questions have been answered, and that all required attachments accompany the submission. Failure to do so will jeopardize your candidacy.

The application form may be submitted online with the supporting documents arriving at a later date. Digital copies of documents should be included in email submissions. If accepted, original documents must also be mailed to the aforementioned address.

If your circumstances change after the submission of this application (e.g., you apply for and/or receive another Scholarship) please inform the Scholarships Office immediately.

ATTACHMENTS

Please attach a personal statement (up to four pages) that incorporates the following subheadings:

- Educational goals
- Future career plans
- Other information [relevant to this application]

Please also attach the following documents:

- CV (curriculum vitae): education, research, work experience, public service, community activities, internships, leadership positions, degrees, certifications, awards, involvement with the arts, and any other pertinent information.
- IELTS or TOEFL Report.
- College transcripts.
- Admission letter from your university.
- Letters of Reference

CONDITIONS

I understand that if I am offered a Taslimi Foundation Scholarship, and accept it, I will only be eligible to be formally awarded the Scholarship if I meet all of the following criteria:

- Any anticipated or provisional grades used in calculating my eligibility are confirmed by the final grades awarded.
- I am approved for registration for a master's or doctoral degree program at the university of my choice by the date indicated in the regulations for the Scholarship.
- I am enrolled in a master's or doctoral degree program at the university of my choice in the years of tenure.

I also understand that:

- The Scholarships Committee may terminate my Scholarship at any time if it is not satisfied that I am following the required program or am otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship. I shall have the right to appeal to the Taslimi Foundation against any decision to terminate the award.

PRIVACY DECLARATION

The information requested in this application form will be used solely for the purposes of assessing your application for the Taslimi Foundation Scholarship. Personal information contained in this application will be made available to members of the Scholarships Committee and staff of the Scholarships Office.

The Scholarships Office undertakes to store your application in a secure place in the event that you are successful in gaining an award or are selected as a reserve candidate for an award. In the event that you are unsuccessful in gaining an award, the Office undertakes to destroy your application to preserve its confidentiality. Should you have reason to believe that information held about you in either your application or your academic record is incorrect, you have the right of access to, and correction of, that information.

The Office may contact the persons you have named in your application as referees for further information. Any such direct contact with these referees will be made on a strictly confidential basis. The Office may not divulge details to you about the content of such confidential references without the written authorization of the referee concerned.