



## SAKINAH KHALIFAH SCHOLARSHIP (2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR)

The Muslim Education Foundation (MEF) is pleased to offer **Sakinah Khalifah Scholarship** to a Sakinah Circle student who demonstrates outstanding work of heart and mind. Our aspiration for them is to become true *khulāfā'* of Allah Most High.

### Eligibility

- The student is currently in Sakinah Circle Grade 5 and intends to continue Sakinah Circle for his/her Grade 6.

### Application Procedure

- The application window is from April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> of the school year.
- Applications are submitted to the Grade 5 homeroom teacher in a sealed envelope. The envelope must be labeled: Application for Sakinah Khalifah Scholarship.
- The Grade 5 teacher will deliver all the submitted applications to the School Office on an ongoing basis for onward transmission to Muslim Education Foundation.
- Sakinah Scholarship Committee established by MEF will review all applications and select the winner by June 15th of the school year.
- The winner will be announced at the Grace Martin Awards Assembly at the end of the current school year. A Certificate of Award will be given to the student.
- The scholarship money (\$1500.00) will be given to the winning student in the first week of October 2023 when the student will be in Grade 6.

Please submit the application to the Grade 5 teacher before 12:00 pm, Monday, May 31, 2023. The application should consist of:

1. The completed application form.
2. A letter of recommendation from within the school  
This letter is from a member of the school staff who knows about your *adab*, personal behavior, interactions with others, study habits and sense of responsibility. The staff member will write the letter after receiving the completed application.
3. A letter of recommendation from outside the school  
This letter is from a leader in the community (an imam, Qur'ān teacher, sports coach, extra-curricular supervisor, or other person who is not a family member) who has seen your community involvement.
4. The student's written response to one of the following:
  - *How has a story from the Qur'ān inspired you in your daily life?*
  - *What are your impressions and reflections on an event in the life of the Prophet, upon him blessings and peace?*
  - *What can we learn from the biography of a Companion?*

This is a short essay (400 to 500 words) written by the student, demonstrating his or her learning about the topic. Student can get help from parents, teachers, or friends but the text is written by the student.

5. The student's creative response to the following question:

➤ *What does it mean to be a Muslim living in Edmonton?*

The topic and the format will be unique and from the heart. Reflecting on the Qur'ānic worldview, the focus can be on wonders of nature, the journey of life, being khalifa, belonging to the ummah, being rooted in the Islamic tradition, or making connections to people, places, things, events around you. This can take the form of a short video, a poem, artwork, a handcrafted item, or a PowerPoint presentation.

6. The candidate is encouraged to include a copy of any awards or recognition he or she has received in the past, such as certificates for Qur'ān memorization, participation in an event, or volunteer contribution to a service project.
7. The following grid will be used for assessment and award of scholarship

Scoring the Application Components	Score	Comments by the Khalifah Scholarship Committee
1. Reference letter - school	/10	
2. Reference letter - community	/10	
3. Academic Performance	/10	
4. Short Essay on Islamic Tradition	/20	
5. Personal Expression of Creativity	/20	
6. Engagement with the Qur'ān	/20	
7. Bonus points (previous awards, recognition, and other outstanding achievements)	/10	
Total Score:	/100	



KHALIFAH SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION FORM 2023-24

Your Name .....

Address .....

Parent/Guardian Name .....

Phone Number of Parent/Guardian .....

Email of Parent/Guardian .....

**Please tell us about yourself.**

When did you start in Sakinah Circle? Year ..... Grade .....

What school(s) did you attend before Sakinah Circle? (name of the school, city, country)

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What languages do you speak fluently? .....

Tell us about your knowledge of the Qur'ān:

What have you memorized?

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How much do you understand when you read the Qur'ān?

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Are you studying Qur'ān with a teacher outside Sakinah Circle? Please explain.

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Tell us about your involvement in your community:

During this school year, what kind of activities have you done at a masjid, Ramadan activities, after-school club, a community project, IFSSA/Islamic Family, or some other organization?

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What have you learned about yourself when you are helping others?

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Tell us about how you spend time in nature and describe outdoor activities you enjoy.

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What else would you like to share about yourself?

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Please make sure the following items are included in your application:

- a letter of recommendation from a member of the school staff
- a letter of recommendation from a community member
- progress report from your teacher
- your short essay
- your creative expression (your choice of format)

I certify that this application includes my own original work.

Name ..... Date .....