

Dollar-A-Day Scholarship Fund

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“Nothing could be more important than the education of our youth. I appreciate the initiative Dollar-A-Day has taken and I am grateful for their efforts.”

- Ambassador Akbar Ahmed

Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies, American University, Washington DC; and Sr. Fellow, Brookings Institution.

“Glad to see an organization create opportunities for Muslim-Americans to attend college and graduate school and to give back to our country.”

- Dr. Naif Al-Mutawa

Founder and CEO, Teshkeel Media Group & The 99.

Eligibility

All of our scholarships require that the applicant, 1) be a college or graduate student; 2) be a Muslim; 3) be a permanent resident, or citizen of the U.S.; 4) demonstrate financial need; and 5) has filed the FAFSA for the applicable year. We strongly consider students who are pursuing a graduate or professional degree and students who have actively engaged in scholarship, leadership, and public service. However, everyone who meets criteria 1 – 5 is encouraged to apply.



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Who We Are

Dollar-A-Day Scholarship Fund (DAD) is a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible U.S. based non-profit organization. As one of the first national Muslim scholarship funds in the country, it provides a gateway of resources for Muslim-American students.

What We Do

DAD provides 1) scholarships for higher education; 2) no-interest loan databases; 3) travel and lodging stipends for internships; and 4) professional development opportunities which include networking, a mentorship program, and workshops on leadership and career development.

Why We Started

Muslim-Americans are an integral part of local communities and American society. With approximately one out of every three Muslim-Americans in the college demographic, Muslim youth have the potential to shape the community in profoundly beneficial ways as they plan and develop their career paths. Although schools and numerous organizations provide

scholarships and development resources to intelligent and motivated students, it is more common to find students that are faced with an undue burden when paying for their education: expending the entirety of their parent's savings or borrowing interest-based loans. DAD was created to help students and their families so that our children have an opportunity to realize their full potential.

How We Do It

The cornerstone of the organization is the concept that individuals can support DAD's mission with as little as a dollar a day, or approximately \$30 per month, or \$365 per year. By raising just one dollar a day per donor at a time, DAD is taking part in a bold grassroots campaign that allows donors to easily share the responsibility of educating our future generation of Muslim leaders and professionals. Through the dollar a day model, not only is DAD able to raise more funds, it is also able to unite the community for a common goal – helping our youth in their academic and professional pursuits and **advancing scholarship, leadership, and public service**. This is further reflected in DAD's slogan, **Investing in Our Future, Together.**sm

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How You Can Help

DAD believes in making a difference through Time, Talent, and Treasure. It also believes in empowering you, members of the community, to participate actively in making a difference by using the 3Ts outlined below.

Time & Talent

Joining DAD's team of volunteers, offering pro-bono expert services, being a part of its Honorary Board of Advisors, offering a positive testimonial or endorsement, or simply informing others of the organization (DAD will even mail you some promotional materials, free of charge).

Treasure

Donating to DAD is easy and secure for donors of all types. Donors may make checks payable to DAD Scholarship or make donations through DAD's online donation platform.

- **\$365 \$1/day for a year** for the DAD Signature Scholarship or Internship Stipend Pool. Donors can even sign up for \$30/month recurring donations.
- DAD's **Create Your Own Scholarship** feature allows individuals and organizations to establish a scholarship in their name, defining the criteria and amount, without having the need to start a non-profit or doing the heavy legal and administrative paperwork. "Friends of DAD" donations can help pay for office space and supplies, and the recruitment of staff and volunteers. Donations of \$5000 or more are encouraged.
- DAD has **corporate giving** and **matching gift** options, as well as **planned giving** choices that include bequests, trust funding and life insurance proceeds.
- DAD's **Custom Credit Card** helps supporters donate every time they make a purchase using DAD's no annual fee Capital One® credit card. 1% of every purchase – plus a \$50 first purchase bonus – will be automatically donated to DAD at no cost to

DAD credit card holders. For details, <https://www.cardlabconnect.com/helpusgrowstoday>

In addition, DAD welcomes opportunities to form **corporate partnerships** and invitations to **speak and fundraise** at your event. Events can range from family dinners at your home to presentations at local community centers or even large scale conferences.

Transparency

Donations to DAD are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. DAD financials are audited annually by qualified professionals.

2009 DAD Scholars

Syed A. Ahmed, MDiv, *Harvard Divinity School*

(2012); B.A. Study of Religion, *UCLA* (2009); ISNA Fellowship Recipient (2009).

Dauda Fadeyi, MPH, *FAMU* (2011); AA, *Bluefield College* (2008); Champion of Character Award (2008).

Hamzeh Jaber, BA, Teaching of History, *University of Illinois at Chicago* (2011).

Rania Kajan, JD, *Univ. of Florida* (2011); BA, Political Science, *Florida International Univ.* (2007); Medallion For Excellence in Civic Engagement Award (2007).

Nida Mirza, MS & PsyD, *PGSP-Stanford Consortium* (2013); B.A., Psychology, *Wellesley College* (2005); Merit Scholar Fellow (2008); Durant Scholar (2005).

Farzana Umar, M.A. Islamic Studies, *Columbia University* (2009); B.A., English Literature and Middle Eastern Studies, *CUNY* (2007); Tutor, America Reads Program; Roslyn Berson Stein Scholarship (2007).

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- President Barack Obama

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