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# IFS Tatweer Scholarships Program



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# IFS Tatweer Scholarships Program

The Tatweer Scholarships Program seeks to recognize and support exceptional students at Islamic Foundation School (IFS) by offering financial aid to those in need, enabling them to pursue their education and make a meaningful impact in their chosen field. These scholarships are supported by individuals and families dedicated to fostering the growth and advancement of students. The number and value of scholarships vary annually, each with specific eligibility criteria. All scholarships are administered by the IFS Administration under the guidance of the Islamic Foundation School Committee (IFSC).



# Dr. Fazlur Rahman Khan Memorial Scholarship

## Scholarship Objectives

This scholarship is designed to support high school seniors who have been accepted into a Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM), or Business program at a 4-year accredited university. The scholarship is applicable to students who can demonstrate that they are working towards a bachelor's degree through an accredited institution. Students must attain their bachelor's degree within 4 years. [1] Applicants must demonstrate a strong academic record in high school and show financial need.

[1] "Exceptions to the 4-year baccalaureate programs are the 3+4 guaranteed admission programs (e.g., LECOM) in which case the recipient should be on track to at least complete and receive their baccalaureate credentials".



## **Dr. Fazlur Rahman Khan**

*A Legacy of Compassion, Education, and Excellence*

# **Early Life & Education**

Dr. Fazlur Rahman Khan, born in 1934, in Bhopal, India, was a beacon of dedication and compassion throughout his life. His early education in Bhopal set the foundation for a lifelong commitment to learning and service. Dr. Khan migrated to Pakistan to pursue his medical degree that launched him into a successful career as a Radiation Oncologist in the Chicago area where he made a significant difference both as a professional and a community member.

Dr. Khan's dedication to education and community service was rooted in his belief that access to knowledge and resources should be available to all. His efforts were driven by a desire to empower individuals and create opportunities for a better future. His legacy continues to inspire others to contribute positively to their communities and to pursue excellence in education.





# Lasting Legacy

Dr. FazlurBeyond his professional achievements, Dr. Khan was deeply committed to his community, the furthering of education and the well being of others around him. Regardless of whether one was an extended family member, friend, community member or even a young aspiring professional he found ways to serve everyone. He was a founding member of the Islamic Foundation at Villa Park, a key institution that serves as a hub for cultural, educational, and social activities for the community. His vision extended to education, and he was instrumental in the establishment of the Islamic Foundation School in 1986, a premier K-12 institution that continues to provide high-quality education to students from diverse backgrounds.

Dr. Fazlur Rahman Khan's passing in 1996, marked the end of a life dedicated to the service of others. His legacy, however, endures through the countless lives he touched and the significant contributions he made as a professional, a dedicated family man and a member of the community. His family played a very vital part in supporting and encouraging his efforts which made his contributions even more impactful. The Dr Fazlur Rahman Khan Memorial Scholarship has been established to honor his remarkable life and to inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

Recipients of the Dr. Fazlur Rahman Khan Scholarship are encouraged to take inspiration from his life and to dedicate themselves to advancing education and contributing positively to their communities. By pursuing excellence in their fields and embodying Dr. Khan's values of compassion, inclusivity, and service, scholarship recipients can continue his mission of making the world a better place. His life's work serves as an enduring source of inspiration, reminding us all of the power of education, the importance of community, and the impact of a compassionate and dedicated heart.

# Eligibility Criteria

## ✓ Academic Achievement

Applicants must have a strong academic record, demonstrating excellence in STEM-related subjects throughout high school. This would require GPA of 3.0 or higher in high school and standardized test scores of 30 in ACT or 1400 in SAT (as applicable).

## ✓ Acceptance into a STEM or Business Program

Applicants must provide proof of acceptance into a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) or Business program at a 4-year accredited university or college. Eligible majors include, but are not limited to, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Engineering, Computer Science, Information Technology, Earth Sciences, Health Sciences, Economics, Business, Management and Finance.

## ✓ Financial Need

Applicants must come from households with an annual income of less than \$75,000. Proof of income, such as tax returns or financial aid documentation, will be required.

# Eligibility Criteria



## Community Involvement

Preference may be given to applicants who have shown leadership or participation in extracurricular activities related to STEM, such as clubs, competitions, or community projects.



## Essay

Applicants must submit a personal essay (500–800 words) discussing their passion for STEM or Business career aspirations, and how receiving this scholarship will assist them in achieving their goals.



## Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation are required. These should be from teachers, mentors, or community leaders who can attest to the applicant's academic abilities, character, and potential in STEM or Business.



## Interview (if applicable)

Finalists may be required to participate in an interview to further assess their qualifications and commitment to STEM or Business education.



# Award Details

There will be two scholarships available, with an annual award of \$5,000 for a period of 4 years.

The scholarship may be renewable for up to four years, provided the recipient maintains a 3.0 or better (B+) GPA while in their undergraduate program, and continues to pursue a degree in a STEM, or Business field. The selection committee may require a check-in with the recipient to review credentials before confirming renewal.



# Application Process



Applicants must complete and submit the scholarship application form by the specified deadline.



Application Form. Form will be available at the end of the school year.



All supporting documents, including transcripts, proof of acceptance into a STEM or Business, program, proof of income, essay, and letters of recommendation, must be included with the application.



Incomplete applications will not be considered.

# Selection Process

A selection committee will review all complete applications and select finalists based on the eligibility criteria outlined above. The selection committee will include 5 members including IFS Principal, School Counselor, Science Teacher, Math Teacher, Social Science Teacher and a IFSC member.

Finalists may be contacted for an interview as part of the selection process.

Recommendations made by the selection committee will be reviewed and approved by the IFSC.

# Notification Process

Scholarship recipients will be notified by email and/or phone.  
Non-recipients will also be notified of their status.

# Deadline



**This round of applications is open to students that have completed high school at IFS in the Class of 2024 and are currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited college/ university.**

**For the academic year 2024–2025, the deadline for applications is November 11, 2024.**

# Who to Contact

For any questions regarding the scholarship or application process, applicants may contact Islamic Foundation School principal, **Shereen Hussain**.

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