



ICB Wayland College Merit Scholarship

**Application
Seminar**

Why the Scholarship?

Sunday School students and their parents have provided a ***commitment*** to ICB Wayland

The merit scholarship is a way for ICB Wayland to ***give back*** to our committed students

Journey today

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Key Elements of the Scholarship

- Scholarship
 - Based on **academic achievement**
 - Promotes ICB **community service**
 - Focuses on a **commitment** to ICB Wayland and Islam
 - Emphasizes Privacy & Impartiality
- Why this session?
 - Awareness for HS seniors (and younger students) of merit scholarship
 - Build a culture of community service (11th & 12th graders + more)

Merit Scholarship Eligibility

- Completed at least 6 years of ICB Wayland Sunday School and has graduated 10th grade
- Completed community service or participated in ICB Wayland activities at the Center
- Accepted to an accredited 4-year college and plan to attend
- Plans to take at least 2 courses or involvement in Islam/ Arabic during the 4 years of college
- Parents are members (or student is a members) of the ICB Wayland community
- US Citizenship or permanent residency



Merit Scholarship Materials Submission

- **ICB college scholarship Application Form** (on website at <http://www.icbwayland.org/collegescholarship/index.html>)
- **600-word essay** demonstrating understanding of a significant concept (student's choosing) in Islam or Arabic
- **600-word essay of their community service** at the Islamic Center of Boston and his/her interest in continuing to study Islam or Arabic
- One **letter of recommendation** from an ICB Sunday School teacher (on-line rubric)
- Student's **High School transcript** (with high school seal)

Merit Scholarship Application Form

ICB college scholarship Application Form (on website)

A - About You:

Your Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Citizenship	
Year started Sunday School in ICB Wayland	
Year graduated 10 th grade in ICB Wayland	

B - About your Schooling:

High School	
Address	
Phone number	
GPA (specific scale, e.g., 3.8/4.0 or 4.5/5.0)	
Colleges Applied to <add more space as appropriate>	
College Accepted (if known)	
Intended Major (if known)	

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C – ICB Community Service Activities & Responsibilities Table

Describe activities and responsibilities you have performed or participated in during grades 9-12 (relating to religion or Arabic language) that demonstrate a desire to improve yourself and your community. Emphasis is giving to ICB Wayland sponsored or related activities. Some of these activities can be further expanded on in your community service write-up in section D.

Examples of activities may include volunteering for a clean-up project at ICB Sunday School, being a teacher’s assistant for a class at ICB Sunday School, participating in the ICB Youth Group, organizing independent programs relevant to ICB’s mission, participating in charity events (e.g., FPM, MCSS, etc.) consistent with the principles of our Sunday School teachings, etc. Also add the approximate number of hours you participated in an activity. Please use one-line item per activity aligned the grade you enacted that activity.

Item	Description of Activities	Hours/year
9 th Grade	<expand as needed>	
9 th Grade		
10 th Grade		
10 th Grade		
11 th Grade		
11 th Grade		
12 th Grade		
12 th Grade		

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ICB college scholarship Application Form (on website)

D – ICB Community Service/Interest Write-up (instructions):

Separate from the application form, prepare a **600-word** write-up that describes (a) details of one or two of your activities that contribute directly to the betterment of the ICB-Wayland community and (b) your interest in continuing to study some aspect of Islam or Arabic during your college years. Submit this write-up in pdf with the application form.

E – Essay (instructions):

Separate from this application form, please prepare a **600-word** essay that demonstrates a deep understanding of a concept in Islam or Arabic. Examples could include: contributions to Islam in science, things that tie Islam to your everyday life, a fiqh-based analysis of various treatments of music in Islam, an aspect of women in Islam, an analysis of linguistic patterns in early Arabic grammar and their implications, etc. We want you to include your thoughts and reflections on the topic and “why does it matter to you?” Submit this write-up in pdf with the application form.

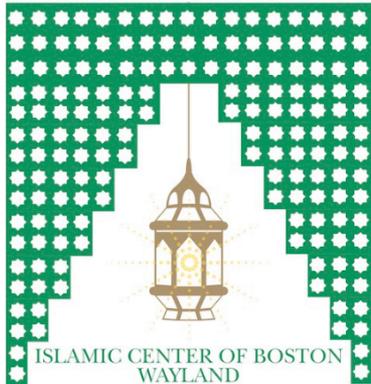
F – Sunday School Teacher Letter of Recommendation (instructions):

Separate from this application form, please ask a Sunday School Teacher for a Letter of Recommendation. To select a teacher for a recommendation, consider 1) in what grade and class the teacher knows you, 2) how aware the teacher is of your active participation and 3) how enthusiastic you were as a student. The letter should be 1 page double-spaced and signed by the teacher with the teacher’s name below the signature line. Ensure you follow-up with the teacher to ensure this has been completed and mailed.

Where to find the Scholarship info

Islamic Center of Boston, Wayland

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FRIDAY PRAYERS

Khutbah 1:00pm, Iqamah 1:30pm

DATE	KHATEEB
Apr 25	Dr. Mohamed Lazzouni

"O mankind! Lo!, We have created you from male and female, and have made you nations and tribes that ye may know one another. Lo! the noblest of you, in the sight of God, is the best in conduct. Lo! God is Knower, Aware"
The Holy Quran, Chapter 49, Verse 13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL



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SUPPORT ICB

ICB needs your financial help to support ongoing facilities maintenance and organize educational programs. Please donate generously.
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REQUEST FOR DUA

To request dua after Friday prayers for a community member who is ill or has passed away. Please complete the
[Online Dua Request Form](#)

VISIT ICB OR REQUEST A SPEAKER

ICB Wayland welcomes individuals and groups to visit our Center, and we also try our best to provide speakers or representatives for a variety of local interfaith events in Eastern Mass.

[Schedule a Visit or Request a Speaker Visit You](#)

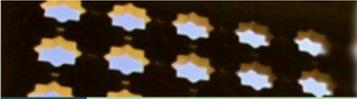
FACILITIES BOOKING

ICB facilities including the prayer hall, social hall and kitchen are available for use by members and the community at large.

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ICB WAYLAND COLLEGE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

College Merit Scholarships \$5,000 for College (2 Scholarships Available)

Apply Now!!

Applications due: May 19, 2025

This scholarship is designed to recognize our graduating Sunday School students who have outstanding academic achievement and have displayed exemplary service to the ICB community during their years at Sunday School.

Requirements:

- Starting College Fall 2025
- Graduate from ICB Sunday School
- Provided services to ICB (e.g., TA, Youth Group etc.)
- Teacher recommendation and essay
- Interest in continuing your learning of Islam or Arabic



An information seminar for families and students interested in applying for the scholarship will be conducted via Zoom on April 19th at 11AM, insha Allah. Kindly email vicepresident@icbwayland.org for the Zoom link.

- [Application Instructions \(PDF\)](#)
- [Application Form \(PDF\)](#) or [Application Form \(MS Word\)](#)
- [ONLINE Teacher Recommendation](#)

Merit Scholarship Committee

Independent

- Separate committee with specific focus

Objective

- Evaluate each area separately using evaluator process

Rotational

- Committee members change each year

Impartial

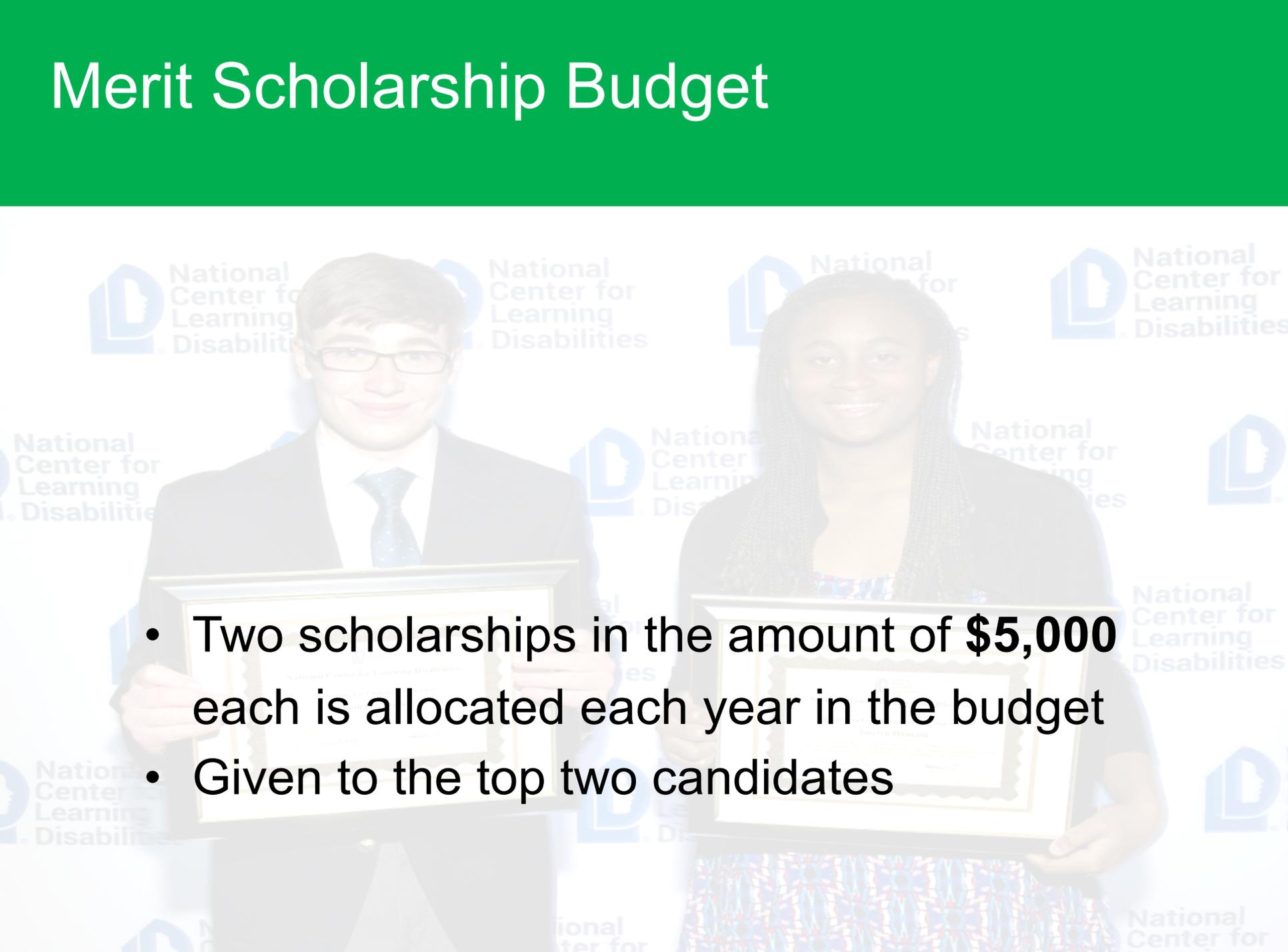
- Candidates treated equally. No preference.

Private

- No sharing of candidate information



Merit Scholarship Budget

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- Two scholarships in the amount of **\$5,000** each is allocated each year in the budget
 - Given to the top two candidates

Merit Scholarship Timeframes

Application available on ICB Wayland website - http://www.icbwayland.org/collegescholarship/index.html	April 19 th
Scholarship session at ICB	April 19 th (today)
Application due	May 19 th
College acceptance letter due	May 15 th
Selection Committee makes decision	June 2 nd
Winners announced	June 7 th (and individually in email)

Reminders

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Wrap-up



Any remaining questions
or thoughts?