THE HOUTAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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Houtan Scholarship Application Form

The Houtan Scholarship Foundation seeks students from all origins, Iranian and non-Iranian, who have high academic performance and proven interest in promoting Iran's great culture, heritage, language and civilization.

Currently, one award of $2500 per semester will be given toward a graduate school education for the selected applicant. The award is offered each fall and spring semester. The application is acceptable if it is received no later than (June1st) for fall semester and (October 1st) for spring semester.

Criteria:

1. The applicant should have a working knowledge of Parsi and should demonstrate an active interest in Iranian culture, heritage and literature.
2. The applicant must presently be attending or anticipate attending an accredited graduate school.
3. The applicant must have superior academic performance or a significant increase of academic performance over the course of his/her academic career.
4. Financial need will be a factor in determining the scholarship recipients.

Selection of Recipients:

1. The scholarship will be awarded to an eligible graduate student, regardless of the student's field of study; the scholarship will be sent directly to the graduate school.
2. After the board has reviewed the application and other submitted documents, the finalists will be notified by mail or email.
3. Each finalist must complete an interview, either by phone or in person, with Mina Houtan, PhD, Founder and Chairperson of the Houtan Scholarship Foundation. This is the Foundation's first step in establishing a relationship with the student.
4. The recipient will be selected from the pool of finalists based on submitted documents, financial need, and the interview; the recipient will be notified by mail or email.
5. Once you are selected as a winner - you are expected to acknowledge the receipt of the notice and contact us by e-mail within a month of the date you receive the notice. Failure to do so will result in losing the award.

Re-application Criteria:

1. If contact information remains the same, there is no need to fill out the application form.
2. Submit all grades following the receipt of the scholarship.
3. The applicant must show that he/she continued an active interest in Iranian culture, heritage and literature following the receipt of the scholarship. Interest must be proved with appropriate documentation.
4. Must apply by deadline. Your re-application process will be reviewed in comparison with the new pool of applicants.

Deadlines:

Semester	Due Date:	Finalist Notification and Interviews:	Selection of Recipient:
Fall	June 1	June 15 – June 30	July 1
Spring	Oct 1	Oct 15 – Oct 30	Nov 1

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Applicant's Data:

Name: _____
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Mailing Address (Permanent Home): _____
(Street)

(Attach Picture Here)

_____
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

_____
(Telephone Number)

_____
(Fax Number if available)

_____
(E-mail) *print or write legibly*

Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

Country of Citizenship: _____

How Did You Learn About The Houtan Scholarship Foundation?:

☐ Professor from university: _____
☐ Friend: _____
☐ Website: _____
☐ Magazine/Publication: _____
☐ Brochure: _____
☐ Other. Please explain: _____

Current Knowledge of Parsi (Persian):

On a Scale of 1 to 5 **Key:** 1 - Not at all 5 - Fluently

Can you speak Parsi? ____
Can you write in Parsi? ____
Can you read Parsi? ____

Family Status:

(Please attach parents' W-2 form. If financially you are supporting yourself, send your W-2 form. For non-US applicants, please attach a legal income statement.)

Name	Highest Level of Education	Present Occupation	Where Employed	Annual Income
Father/Guardian:				
Mother/Guardian:				

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Father's/Guardian's Address: _____
_____

Mother's/Guardian's Address: _____
_____

College/University Data:
Undergraduate School Name and Address: _____
_____
_____

Graduation Date: _____
(Month) (Year)

LSAT Score: _____ GMAT Score: _____ Other: _____

Applicant's rank _____ in a class of _____ students

Cumulative grade point average: _____/4.0 scale

Graduate schools to which you have applied:
(If possible, circle the school you will attend and give the address)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Major Field of Study: _____

Estimated semester cost of tuition: _____

Estimated other education-related costs: _____
Please explain: _____

Specify the year and semester in which you wish to enroll: _____

For which degree will you be a candidate? (Please Circle)
MS PhD MD Other: _____

Academic Honors Received:
_____
_____

Significant extra-curricular activities and community service:
_____
_____

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Goals and Aspirations:

Write an essay, either in Parsi or English, about your goals relating to your education, career, and future plans. The essay must be 500-1000 words. Please submit the typed essay and attach it to the application form. If you choose to write the essay in Parsi, you may submit it in your own handwriting.

Consent to Share Your Story With Others:

We believe that it does the Houtan Scholarship Foundation and the community a great service to see and share the **success stories** and history of students who have been selected to receive a scholarship from the Houtan Scholarship Foundation. If you are comfortable with us sharing your essay with others via our website and other informational pieces, please write "YES" in the box below. Otherwise, please write "No". This answer will not positively or negatively affect your selection as a recipient of the Houtan Scholarship. You have a choice, and we respect your selection.

_____ (Write YES or NO)

The Houtan Scholarship Foundation is forming a strong network of current and future scholarship recipients, to support the promotion of Iran's great culture, heritage, language and civilization. Join this network in enhancing the power of our mission and in clearing the pathway for the next generation.

_____ I am interested _____ I am not interested at this time

Application Checklist:

1. Completed application, due before June 1st for the fall semester, and before October 1st for the spring semester.
2. Two letters of recommendation: one from your teacher, instructor, or professor, and the other from an employer, or both letters from two professors. You can send them separately or with the rest of the documents.
3. College transcript: Original only.
4. Goals and Aspirations essay.
5. If recently, you are admitted to a graduate school, submit the letter of admission.
6. Do not translate documents written in Parsi.

Send your application package via ***mail*** not e-mail or fax.

Verification:

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature_____ **Date**_____

Please send the application and all questions to:

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USA

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