January 22, 2024

Dear Senior Scholarship Counselor,

My name is Mahnaz Shabbir and my family along with the Crescent Peace Society in 2006 established a memorial scholarship in the name of my husband Syed Farrukh Shabbir, M.D.

Following this letter, you will find background information, essay directions and the essay form for the Syed Farrukh Shabbir, M.D. Memorial Scholarship. This is a 500-word essay contest. **This scholarship will be awarded to a college bound graduating senior who has written the most compelling essay about the importance of peace and understanding in a pluralistic world.**

Please communicate the availability of this scholarship to your college-bound graduating seniors. The deadline for submission is April 30, 2024. First place scholarship is $500.

Please note this is a blind contest, i.e., the judges will not know the name of the students nor the school. Also, please make sure students follow the writing guidelines provided in attachment A. Essays will not be considered if they do not meet these guidelines and if the attached cover sheet is not completed.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at 816.213.2536 or at [shabbirscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:shabbirscholarship@gmail.com) .

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mahnaz M. Shabbir

Crescent Peace Society Advisory Board Member

Note: Electronic information can also be found at [www.crescentpeace.org](http://www.crescentpeace.org).

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**Attachment A**

Writing Guidelines

1.Discuss your ideas with your teacher, friends and mentors.

2. Double-check statements of fact to be sure they are accurate.

3. If possible, tell a story or give an example to make your point.

4. Avoid unnecessary words. For example, "The world that we live in is a world that is filled with anger and hatred" can be said this way: "The world is filled with anger and hatred."

5. Give special care to spell names correctly; have a teacher or friend proof-read your entire essay.

6. Prefer active voice to passive.

7. Draw on more than one source for factual information.

8. Find fresh ways of saying your thoughts.

9. State your opinions clearly and succinctly. You don't need to add, "I think" and similar qualifiers. The reader knows it's you doing the thinking.

10. What is written without effort is usually read without pleasure.

Note: If it is determine submissions do not meet the requirements as outline, there will be no scholarship given this year.

**Syed Farrukh Shabbir, M.D. Memorial Scholarship**

First Place $500 Scholarship for a College Bound Graduating Senior in 2024 (est. 2006)

Syed Farrukh Shabbir, M.D. was a physician who practiced in the greater Kansas City area for over 27 years. He was married to Mahnaz Shabbir and had four children, Ali, Adil, Abbas and Ahmed. During his lifetime, he was active in the community serving the health care needs at various hospitals, universities and in his own private practice as a psychiatrist.

In addition, he was involved in working with people of many faiths not just in the health care area, but also in community activities. Unfortunately, his life was cut short on January 22, 2006 at the age of 57 after fighting a debilitating autoimmune disease called wegener's granulomatosis.

In his memory, the family has started the Syed Farrukh Shabbir, M.D. Memorial Scholarship through the Crescent Peace Society. **This scholarship will be awarded to a college bound graduating senior who has written the most compelling essay about the importance of peace and understanding in a pluralistic world.** This 500-word essay contest is open to any graduating senior from a high school located in the greater Kansas City area.

This is a blind essay. The judges will not know who has written the essay. In order to keep the essay blind, students need to submit their essay with the enclosed cover sheet. The essay itself should only include the Student’s ID number and the Student’s High School code (the code that is used on ACT/SAT tests). This information should be located in the header of the essay.

The cover sheet and essay should be emailed to [shabbirscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:shabbirscholarship@gmail.com) as two separate attachments. The single email should have “Syed Farrukh Shabbir, M. D. Memorial Scholarship” in the subject heading. The deadline is April 30, 2024.

The winner will be announced in May. The winner will also be my guest to the annual Crescent Peace Society dinner held in the summer of 2021 (the dinner is subject is Covid restrictions at the time). If the scholarship winner is not able to attend, then a 2-minute video will need to be submitted.

For more information, please contact Mahnaz Shabbir at 816.213.2536, shabbirscholarship@gmail.com.

Syed Farrukh Shabbir, M.D. Memorial Scholarship (est. 2006)

Cover Sheet  
(all information needs to be filled out to be considered for the scholarship)

Student Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School Scholarship Counselor’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School Scholarship Counselor’s Phone number and email address:

Phone No.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed the writing guidelines and the essay conforms to the guidelines: Counselor/Teacher’s Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Student’s School ID #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School Code #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Contact information:

Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I release Crescent Peace Society to publish the winning essay. I also agree to submit a 2-minute video if I am the recipient of the scholarship.

Student’s signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_date:\_\_\_\_Parent’s signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ date:\_\_\_

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Please have your essay fit on one page.