

**FEDERATION OF ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA
-- FEZANA --**

**EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP (EXISS) FUND FOR YOUNG
ZARATHUSHTI: APPLICATION FORM - 2012**

A sports scholarship, hereinafter called the EXISS Fund, has been established under the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA). The objective of the EXISS Fund is to provide financial support to young Zarathushti who are performing exceptionally and at highly recognized levels in any sport. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable the recipients to get world-class training and/or study with experts in their field and thus fine tune and enhance their talent and capabilities.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Beneficiaries of the EXISS Fund must be:

- a) Individuals practicing the Zarathushti faith
- b) Citizens, legal residents, or holding legal student status in USA or Canada
- c) Young Zarathushti between the ages of 10 to 30 years.

SELECTION CRITERIA, at minimum, will include the following:

- a.) The excellence achieved in a specific sport and past record in that sport
- b.) The annual financial need of the applicant
- c.) Financial assistance already pledged to the applicant from other sources
- d.) Applicant's commitment to pursue the chosen sport
- e.) Level of education and past academic record
- f.) Other extra-curricular activities undertaken by the applicant
- g.) Services performed for the Zarathushti community

Beneficiaries may be required to submit any financial information throughout the duration of the financial assistance to ensure that the assistance is being properly utilized. An applicant will be eligible to receive a maximum of two awards, which may or may not be in consecutive years. The EXISS Committee may waive this limit under special circumstances.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application forms will be available from the members of the EXISS committee, upon request, and online at << <http://www.fezana.org/exiss-fund> >>. Application forms may be submitted electronically; however, reference letters and examples/proof of the applicants work (portfolio) will be required in hard copy.

Please note that all applications must be completed in full, including answers to all questions, and all three listed reference letters must be received by the application deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the EXISS committee, unless exigent circumstances exist and have been communicated to the EXISS committee directly. Further, for all applicants above 16 years of age, the committee strongly recommends that the application be completed and submitted by the applicant (i.e. not the applicant's parents), and these applicants should also communicate directly and independently with the EXISS committee, as needed.

Three (3) copies of this application form with all attachments (including portfolio items) must be received by **Friday, June 1st, 2012** at:

**FEZANA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
ATTN: EXISS FUND
8615 MEADOWBROOK DRIVE
BURR RIDGE, IL. 60527, USA**

OR

EMAIL: exissfund@fezana.org

The committee will inform successful applicants by email on or before **Tuesday, September 4th, 2012**.

FEZANA EXISS FUND APPLICATION FORM – 2012

A. PERSONAL DATA

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) _____

2. CURRENT ADDRESS _____

3. CURRENT TELEPHONE _____

4. EMAIL _____

5. PERMANENT ADDRESS (if different from above) _____

6. PERMANENT TELEPHONE if different from above) _____

7. DATE OF BIRTH _____

8. PLACE OF BIRTH _____

9. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP _____

10. NON-CITIZENS - IF PRESENTLY IN USA OR CANADA, WHAT TYPE OF VISA DO YOU HAVE?

11. MARITAL STATUS _____

12. NAME/ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION(S) (ACADEMIC AND/OR SPORT) YOU ARE ENROLLED IN

13. DESCRIPTION OF YOUR SPORT _____

14. NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

15. RELATIONSHIP _____

16. ADDRESS OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

17. TELEPHONE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

18. Email of Parent Or Guardian _____

B. EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

1. List chronologically all colleges, professional schools or other institutions of higher education you have attended, starting from Secondary/High School. ATTACH TRANSCRIPTS.

Name of Institution	Location	Dates of Attendance	Degree/Diploma

2. List all employers for the past five years (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Name of Employer	Location	Telephone	Dates	Job Description

3. Titles won in your respective sport. Specify year and place.

4. Honors, awards, and scholarships received. Specify year, duration, and amount (if appropriate).

5. What are your long-term professional goals? Explain your commitment to pursue your chosen sport (attach additional sheets if necessary)

C. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Are you living (please circle):

Alone With spouse With parent With relative In university residence

2. Do you file a US or Canadian tax return? (please circle) Yes No

3. Are you claimed as a dependent on parents or other relatives' tax records? Please specify.

4. Please specify the training you intend to take next year for which you need the scholarship

5. Expected cost of training/coaching _____

6. Expected cost of housing next year _____

7. Other expected expenses for next year (i.e. equipment, etc). Please itemize, and attach additional sheets, if necessary

8. Expected cost of living (i.e. food, child care, etc) next year _____

9. **TOTAL EXPECTED COSTS** for next year (Add lines 5,6,7,8) = _____

10. List all confirmed scholarships, grants, sponsorships, etc you will be receiving next year

Name & Kind of Award	Granting Agency/Person	Amount

11. Expected annual income from jobs next year (including that of spouse)

Place of Employment	Amount

12. List other financial resources expected next year (i.e. family support, etc)

Nature of support	Amount

13. List loans that you, your spouse, or your parents are/will be liable for next year

Nature of Loan	Date Incurred	Original Amount	Current Balance	Monthly payment

14. Please explain your need for this scholarship. Include any special circumstances that you feel should be taken into consideration when reviewing your application. (please attach additional sheets, if necessary)

D. EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

1. List all extra-curricular activities in the past 5 years. Include your participation in student government, clubs, honor societies, and other groups/organizations (educational, recreational, religious, etc).

Name of organization	Position (if appropriate)	Dates / Duration	Description of Activity

E. COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. List all activities that demonstrate your service to the Zarathushti and Non-Zarathushti communities. Include activities in the past 5 years.

Name of organization	Dates / Duration	Activity

2. What is your vision for the Zarathushti community in the next decade? Where do you see yourself in this vision? (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

F. REFERENCES / ATTACHMENTS

1. List 3 people who will send letters of recommendation for you and state their relationship to you. At least one person must be able to attest to your expertise in the respective sport and one who can attest to your community service record. **Letters of recommendation must be sent directly to the FEZANA Administrative Office (see Referee Information Sheet, as attached).**

Name	Relationship	Contact Information (Email / Phone)	Date Referee Info. Sheet was Delivered to Referee

2. Please include examples from your portfolio (pictures, videotapes, copies of written work or other proof) showcasing your respective sport, and tabulate the attachments below.

Type of Attachment	Date(s) involved	Description	Should we return the attachment to you?

G. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I affirm that I am a Zarathushti (Zoroastrian) and that I will use the funds obtained as a result of this application solely for the purpose for which they are granted by FEZANA. If the funds are not needed for the purpose they were given, then I agree to return the unused amount to FEZANA.

I also agree that my name and sports accomplishments may be published in any FEZANA published materials.

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

DATE OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION: _____

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**Excellence in Sports Scholarship (EXISS) Fund for Young Zarathushti:
REFEREE INFORMATION SHEET**

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICANT: Please complete the following sections, and deliver this form to each person providing a reference for you for this application. Please provide a postage-paid envelope addressed to the FEZANA Administrative Office (address noted below) to the referee.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Referee: _____

Nature of Relationship of Referee to Applicant: _____

Date Referee Information Sheet was Delivered to Referee: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

DIRECTIONS FOR REFEREE: Dear Referee, Thank you for agreeing to provide a reference for the applicant named above. He/She is applying for the Excellence in Sports Scholarship (EXISS) from the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA). The objective of the EXISS Fund is to provide financial support to young Zarathushti who are performing exceptionally and at highly recognized levels in any sport. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable the recipients to further their training and/or study of the sport with experts in their field, and thus fine tune and enhance their talent and capabilities. We sincerely appreciate the time you are taking to provide this reference letter. Please send the reference letter, along with this form, to the address below in the postage-paid envelope provided by the applicant by **Friday, June 1st, 2012**. If you have any questions about the reference letter, or if you are unable to send the letter by the deadline above, please contact the EXISS Committee at **exissfund@fezana.org**.

Sincerely,
Shiroy Dadachanji
Chair, EXISS Committee

Please send the reference letter and this form to:
FEZANA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
ATTN: EXISS FUND
8615 MEADOWBROOK DRIVE
BURR RIDGE, IL, USA 60527

Name of Referee: _____

Date reference letter sent: _____

Signature of Referee: _____