

**FEDERATION OF ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA**

**APPLICATION FORM – 2011**

**FEZANA EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR YOUNG ZARATHUSHTI**

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 all areas of sports activity. 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. However, applications cannot be submitted electronically, as examples and proof of the applicants work (portfolio) will be required.

Three (3) copies of this application form with all attachments (including portfolio items) must be submitted by **Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011** to:

**FEZANA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

**EXISS FUND**

**8615 MEADOWBROOK DRIVE**

**BURR RIDGE, IL. 60527, USA**

EMAIL: [exissfund@fezana.org](mailto:exissfund@fezana.org)

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**A. PERSONAL DATA**

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

2. CURRENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. CURRENT TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

4. EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

5. PERMANENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. PERMANENT TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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?  
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11. MARITAL STATUS \_\_\_\_\_

12. NAME & ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION YOU ARE ENROLLED IN \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. DESCRIPTION OF YOUR SPORT \_\_\_\_\_

14. NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

15. RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

16. ADDRESS OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. TELEPHONE/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.

<b>Name of Institution</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates of Attendance</b>	<b>Degree/Diploma</b>

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

<b>Name of Employer</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Job Description</b>

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

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4. Honors, awards, and scholarships received. Specify year and duration.

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

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**C. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

1. Are you living: alone with spouse with parent with relative in university residence

2. Do you file a US or Canadian tax return? Yes No

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

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

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5. Expected cost of training/coaching \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Expected cost of housing next year \_\_\_\_\_

7. Other expenses for next year such as equipment needed for the sport. Please itemize. (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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8. Expected cost of living (food, child care etc) next year \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

<b>Name &amp; Kind of Award</b>	<b>Granting Agency/Person</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Certain/Uncertain</b>

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

<b>Place of Employment</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Certain/Uncertain</b>

12. List other financial resources like family support

Nature and kind of support	Date incurred	Monthly payment

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

Loan	Date incurred	Original Amount	Monthly payment	Balance

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

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**D. EXTRA – CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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

<b>Name of organization</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Description of Activity</b>

**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.

<b>Name of organization</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Activity</b>

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)

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**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, at address shown above (on the 1<sup>st</sup> page).

Name	Relationship

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

**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.

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

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Form Updated on 16 May 2011**