

# MAX SCHOLARSHIP FUND IMPACT REPORT 2023

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# ABOUT US

## **\$1.4 million dollars.**

That's the incredible milestone that the MAX Scholarship Fund (MSF) reached in 2023. \$1.4 million in scholarships distributed to high school, graduate and post-graduate students since our founding, supported entirely by you- our community.

**Muslims Achieving Excellence (MAX) was founded to inspire leadership and empower change in our communities, with the mission to recognize and accelerate productive contributions made by Muslims in North America through academic and professional development.** One way to do this is through the growth and development of students in our communities. Join us in motivating and supporting the bright youth of the Muslim community to become positive and successful contributors to Canadian society.

**MAX Scholarship Fund (MSF) is a Registered Charity in Canada. We are immensely proud to stand behind our vision to award well-rounded High School and University students, who are eager to make an impact, learn & create.**

This report is a reflection of our journey since 2016. Through these pages you'll meet a few of the talented students whose lives have been changed by scholarships, and the impact of their work on their communities, and Canada at large.

It takes a village, and we would like to thank you for being a part of ours. Welcome to the MAX Scholarship Fund.






# BY THE NUMBERS

**351**  
Scholarships  
Awarded  
to date



**\$1.4 MILLION**  
Total worth of  
scholarships to  
date



**3500+**  
Scholarship  
applicants



**\$314,000**  
Worth of  
scholarships in  
2023 alone



**80**  
Scholarships  
awarded in 2023



**90+**  
Scholarship  
Sponsors



“  
*The MAX Scholarship Fund (MSF) awards well-rounded High School and University students who are eager to make an impact, learn and create.*  
”



# INVESTING IN SUCCESS



Support & Giving



Legacy Building



MSF is a registered charitable entity, and donors are eligible for a Charitable Tax Receipt



Investing in your community

## BENEFITS

1

### DIRECT SUPPORT

Directly support a student with the opportunity to learn, grow and develop both personally and professionally.

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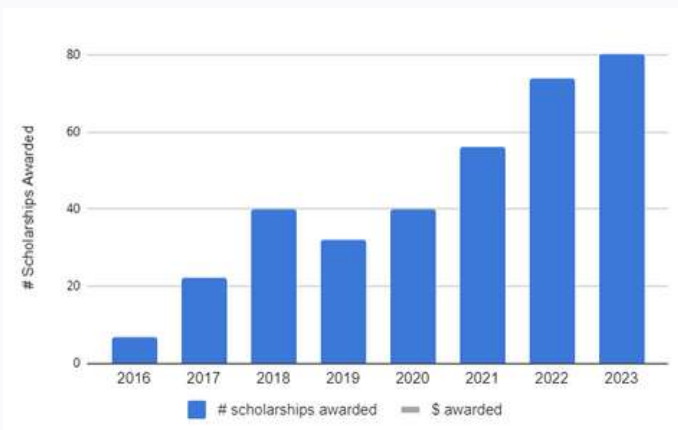
### EMPOWERMENT

Demonstrate your commitment to empowering students who are the future of the Canadian workforce and economy.

3

### LONG TERM IMPACT

Align your corporate and personal brand to the advancement of education and the development of passionate students.

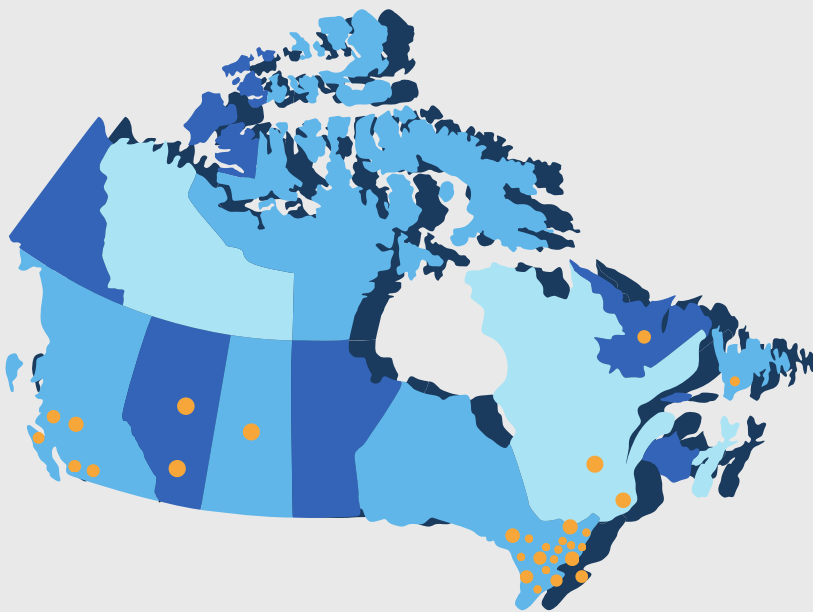


There has been a general upward trend in scholarships since the program began. We are privileged to have a community who believes in the program's mission and vision.



# NATIONAL REACH

CITIES REPRESENTED IN THE APPLICANT POOL

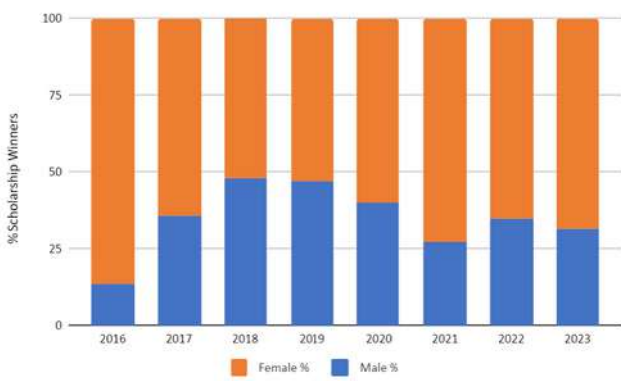


- Ajax
- Brampton
- Burlington
- Burnaby
- Calgary
- Cambridge
- Cavite
- Edmonton
- Etobicoke
- Florida
- Georgia
- Guelph
- Kingston
- Kitchener
- London
- Markham
- Milton
- Mississauga
- Montreal
- New York
- Newfound Land
- North York
- Ottawa
- Richmond
- Saskatoon
- Scarborough
- St. Catharines
- Surrey
- Texas
- Toronto
- Vancouver
- Waterloo

MAX Scholarship applicants apply from all parts of Canada, and also internationally. Our outreach team works hard to share our scholarships with networks of schools, universities and student success focused organizations, building on past efforts, year after year.

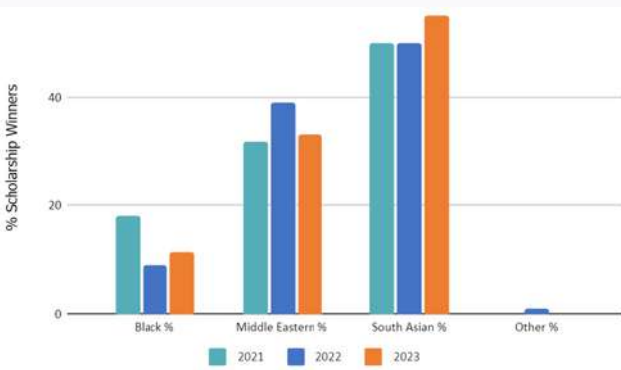


# DIVERSITY BY THE NUMBERS



**66%** Female winners in 2023

Our scholarships provide women equal access to education. This chart reflects our commitment to providing female students with critical financial support to pursue higher education.



**13%** Black      **34%** Middle Eastern      **54%** South Asian  
(Winners in 2023)

We are committed to providing an environment that fosters the growth and development of all individuals, regardless of their physical, cultural or social characteristics, to support innovation and the realization of the full potential of all applicants, volunteers and individuals.



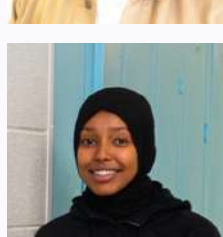
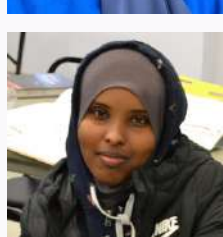
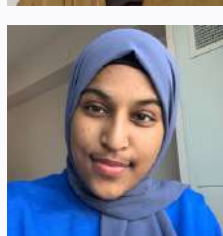
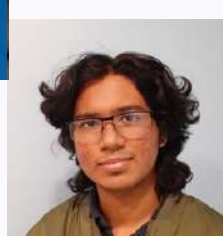
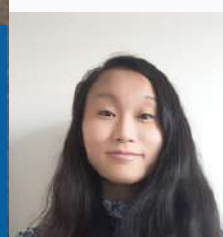
**13**

(Since 2016)

Scholarships for Persons with a Disability

MAX Scholarship Fund is committed to diversity, and recognizes the multivalence of identities that make up the Muslim community including race, gender, and persons with a disability. Our scholarship program provides diverse opportunities for students from different ethnic backgrounds to receive financial aid for their education and growth.





# PARTNERSHIPS

BridgeTO Youth

**14** Scholarships    **25** MSF Mentors    **150** COVID19 Grocery Drive Deliveries

**BridgeTO Youth** is a not-for-profit organization that supports youth in low-income communities, who face specific socio-economic barriers that impact their chances of graduating from high school and pursuing post-secondary opportunities. The majority of BridgeTO Youth belong to visible minorities and newcomer families.

The objective of BridgeTO Youth is to promote education and social integration of low-income and underserved youth across the GTA and Hamilton Regions for youth in Grades 11, 12, and first year of post-secondary education through free tutoring, mentorship, and unique career-related events in a safe and inclusive environment that will help shape their future.

MSF's partnership with BridgeTO Youth complements BridgeTO's mission to **bridge the gap to success** by providing an enriching learning experience outside of the classroom. Through special access to multiple professional development events, students gain access to a network of seasoned professionals and mentors leading to an enriched learning experience outside of the classroom.

To read more about BridgeTO Youth visit: [www.bridgetoyouth.com](http://www.bridgetoyouth.com).



# SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

## All-Star: General | Female | Needs Based

All-Star scholarships aim to recognize and reward remarkable, well-rounded students who have excelled in academics and have made outstanding contributions to their school and community.

## Newcomers & Refugees

Scholarships in this category are aimed to encourage and honor those who have embraced the challenge of moving to a new country, as recent immigrants or refugees, in the hopes of a better future and with the goal to thrive and contribute to Canada and their community.

## Learning with Limitations / Persons with Disabilities

These scholarships have been created to recognize students who have persevered in the face of a learning limitation or disability and achieved both academic and personal milestones.

## Communities: Somali | Afghan | BridgeTO | Foster Care | Leader

These scholarships celebrate and profile individuals who are part of a community or program and who not only contribute to the sponsoring community or program but also stand as role models.

## Business and Finance Journalism & Media

These scholarships aim to encourage students to expand their creative, entrepreneurial, and professional capability and apply their general business knowledge towards the betterment of others.

## Women's Empowerment

The scholarships in this category aim to recognize a young Muslim woman who, despite financial hardship, was able to overcome barriers and become a leader in empowering women within their community.

## Computer Science & Software Engineering Mechatronics & Mechanical Engineering Medicine & Dentistry | Science & Engineering

These scholarships recognize students that have demonstrated excellence and contributions to their field, and who continue to play a role in their communities.

## Hifz Scholar

This award is being presented to encourage and celebrate an individual who has strived to become a Hafiz-ul-Quran (someone who has completely memorized the Quran) while demonstrating service to their community.

# 2016 WINNERS

7 scholarships worth \$35,000



Malak Elbatarny  
Sajda Khatoun Memorial All  
Star Scholarship



Abdulkarim Muhaseen  
Mohammad Humayun Zafar  
Scholarship for Sciences and  
Engineering



Mubeena Mistry  
Walied and Deena Soliman All  
Star Scholarship



Raafia Siddiqui  
Shamoon Ahsan Memorial  
All Star Scholarship



Ryhana Dawood  
Maimoona Wasi Ahmed  
Memorial All Star



Samaa Kabbar  
Walied and Deena Soliman All  
Star Scholarship



Yara Elsharkawy  
Ike Ahmed University  
Entrance Scholarship



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Student Profile- 2016

## Malak Elbatarny, MD

2016 Sajda Khatoon Memorial All Star Scholarship Recipient

"I am currently part-way through my Cardiac Surgery Residency training program at the University of Toronto.

I am also completing the Surgeon-Scientist Training Program which allows me to do a PhD during my residency. Fortunately, I received a Vanier Graduate Scholarship to support this work. My PhD, which is in the Department of Physiology, involves discovering and validating biomarkers of thoracic aortic aneurysm and dissection using comprehensive bioinformatic (multi-omic) analytical techniques. I've also been involved with several global cardiac surgical rotations in Egypt and hope to include philanthropic surgical care in my future career.

I became interested in medicine through humble projects in biomedical scientific research at an early stage. Later in medical school, I became drawn to cardiac surgery because of its ability to effectively treat conditions that are otherwise fatal or extremely debilitating.

I was fortunate enough to win the Sajda Khatoon All Star scholarship 7 years ago while I was in medical school. Not only did the award directly support my medical studies, but meeting the MAX team and hearing about the program's initiative was extremely inspiring. I was impressed by MAX's growth from a couple of dedicated individuals with a vision, to the trans-national organization it is today. I had the opportunity to volunteer in the year after winning the MAX scholarship and am glad to remain in touch with several board members and continue to support affiliated students as an "Alumna" and junior mentor."





# 2017 WINNERS

22 scholarships worth \$85,500



Aaqib Usmani  
Mohamad and Hanan  
Fakih High School All  
Star



Iqra Khan  
Spain Heritage Tour  
Scholarship



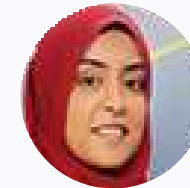
Sara Raza  
Maimoona Wasi  
Ahmed Memorial All  
Star



Ahmad Sidiqi  
Dr. Jawad and Husna  
Khan Medical School  
Scholarship



Kandeel Imran  
Musharaf Anwar RBC  
Wealth Management  
High School  
Scholarship



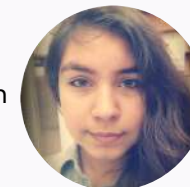
Sidra Hasnain  
Spain Heritage Tour  
Scholarship



Ahmed Hamodi  
Mohamad and Hanan  
Fakih High School All  
Star



Mohammed Nasir  
Mohammad Humayun  
Zafar Scholarship for  
Sciences and  
Engineering



Tooba Khan  
Zaidi Family High  
School All Star  
Scholarship



Amna Khan  
Walied and Deena  
Soliman All Star  
Scholarship



Moiz Hafeez  
Sajda Khatoon  
Memorial All Star  
Scholarship



Yasmeen Mezil  
The Canadian Muslim  
Vote Scholarship



Anam Qudrat  
University All Star  
Achievment  
Scholarship



Naheda Sahtout  
Jabir Ibn Hayyan for  
Women in Graduate  
Chemistry Program



Zain Jafry  
The Huda Family  
Scholarship



Faizan Habibi  
Mohamad and Hanan  
Fakih High School All  
Star



Rida Shaikh  
Walied and Deena  
Soliman All Star  
Scholarship



Maham Abbasi  
Bursary



Harris Sheikh  
Shamoon Ahsan  
Memorial All Star  
Scholarship



Salwa Farooqi  
Shiraz and Ayesha  
Suleman Scholarship  
for Women



Hosna Sahak  
Ike Ahmed University  
Entrance Scholarship



Sara Ashraf  
Walid and Deena  
Soliman All Star for  
Learning Disabilities

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Student Profiles- 2017

## Mohammed Nasir

Mohammad Humayun Zafar Scholarship for Sciences and Engineering

Mohammed Nasir is a graduate of the Autonomous Systems, Aerospace Engineering program from MIT. Currently he is a Software Engineer at Autonomous Vehicle. He is working on multiple projects including a Mind-Controlled Drone System and an autonomous, electric street-legal vehicle.

Mohammed is also the founder of Drones For Humanity, a social venture for rapid aid delivery in third world countries. He began this project in Grade 10, and has since received numerous accolades for his work, including receiving over \$35,000 in grants from MIT and being chosen as a finalist for the Not Impossible Awards from the UN Foundation.



## Dr. Naheda Sahtout

Jabir Ibn Hayyan for Women in Graduate Chemistry Program

Naheda Sahtout was awarded her PhD in Chemistry from the University of Saskatchewan and a MSc in Molecular and Cellular Biology from the University of Guelph.

She is currently a Policy Analyst (PARDP) for Natural Resources Canada and an Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (IDEA) Advocate. Identifying as a lifelong learner, Naheda's passion for education led her to joining MAX Scholarship Fund as a Managing Director in 2022. Her work with MAX has been invaluable.



## Ahmed Hamodi

Mohamad and Hanan Fakh High School All Star

Ahmed Hamodi graduated from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor's degree in software engineering. He joined Meta as a Software Engineer after graduation and moved to the San Francisco area.

He also founded DecisionHub, a platform helping organizations perform application review processes (ie. grants, scholarships, etc). Over the last 2 years the platform has helped distribute over \$10 million in funding.

"Being the recipient of this scholarship felt really rewarding - a validation of all the hard work I had done up to that point."



# 2018 WINNERS

40 scholarships worth \$147,200



Abdullah Ishaque  
Dr. Jawad and Husna  
Khan Medical School  
Scholarship



Abir Islam  
Sajda Khatoon  
Memorial All Star  
Scholarship



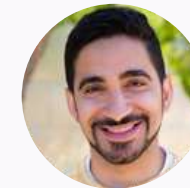
Aniqah Nadha Zowmi  
Shiraz and Ayesha  
Suleman Scholarship  
for Women



Ayan Waberi  
HudHud Scholarship  
For Somali-Canadian  
Youth



Ayman Arik Kazi  
Deep Roots  
Leadership  
Scholarship



Baraa Raad Hamodi  
Hana Scholarship for  
Artificial Intelligence



Basma Hamodi  
Mohamad and Hanan  
Fakih All Star  
Scholarship



Daniyal Abdali  
Nussar Ahmad All  
Star Scholarship



Esmat Ullah Sahak  
Zaidi Family High  
School All Star  
Scholarship



Faizan Habibi  
Shamoon Ahsan  
Memorial All Star  
Scholarship



Farhana Islam  
Naseem Altaf Malik  
Humanitarian  
Scholarship



Faten Salim  
Jabir Ibn Hayyan for  
Women in Graduate  
Chemistry Program



Fatima Saleem  
Deep Roots  
Leadership  
Scholarship (2)



Hafsa Saleem  
Mohamed Foundation  
Scholarship for  
Outstanding  
Achievement



Hikmat Jamal  
Walied and Deena  
Soliman All Star  
Scholarship



Humza Nusrat  
MAX University All  
Star Scholarship



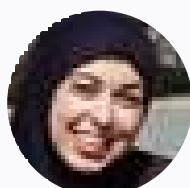
Ikran Ali  
HudHud Scholarship  
For Somali-Canadian  
Youth



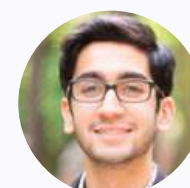
Lama Abdallah  
Mohamad and Hanan  
Fakih All Star  
Scholarship



Layla Mohamed  
Ahmed  
HudHud Scholarship  
For Somali-Canadian  
Youth



Maham Rehman  
Shiraz and Ayesha  
Suleman Scholarship  
for Women



Michel Kiflen  
Lisa's Cosmetics The  
Ameer Family for  
Science and  
Engineering



Mirha Zohair  
MAX Humanitarian  
Scholarship



Mohamed A. Duale  
HudHud Scholarship  
For Somali-Canadian  
Youth



Muhammad Haris Khan  
MAX Humanitarian  
Scholarship



# 2018 WINNERS

40 scholarships worth \$147,200



Nawal Salim  
Salma & Jeelani Wani  
Scholarship for Film  
and TV



Nazeeha Jafri  
Hyder Family  
Scholarship for the  
Humanities



Nura Youssef Khattab  
Walied and Deena  
Soliman All Star  
Scholarship



Ramz Ali Aziz  
Maimoona Wasi  
Ahmed Memorial All  
Star



Saima Shaheen Ali  
Mohammad Humayun  
Zafar Scholarship for  
Sciences and  
Engineering



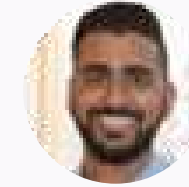
Salwa Arooj Farooqi  
Ajaz Ahmed and Anees  
Fatima All Star  
Scholarship



Shehryar Assad  
Ike Ahmed University  
Entrance Scholarship



Syed Saad Mateen  
Musharaf Anwar RBC  
Wealth Management  
High School  
Scholarship



Tarek Abdullah Bin  
Yameen  
Dr. Yasser & Farah  
Khan Humanitarian  
Scholarship



Tayyaab Tanveer  
Mohamad and Hanan  
Fakih All Star  
Scholarship



Uswa Shahzad  
Khadija Halder Legacy  
Scholarship



Zain Siddiqui  
Shokry Lawendy  
Humanitarian  
Scholarship



Zeyad Ghulam  
Mohamed Foundation  
Scholarship for  
Outstanding  
Achievement  
(Engineering)



Zoha Anjum  
Muneeza Sheikh and  
Haniya Khaliq  
Scholarship for  
Women



Sadia Mehmood  
Bursary



Irina Khmelnikova  
Bursary



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Student Profile- 2018

## Michel Kiflen

2018 Scholarship Recipient

Michel Kiflen received the Mohammad Humayun Zafar Scholarship in 2019 in recognition of his achievements in STEM. At the time, he was pursuing his MSc at McMaster University, where his research focused on assessing the clinical and economic feasibility of incorporating genetic testing into the prediction of cardiovascular diseases.

Currently in his third year of medical school at the University of Toronto, Michel continues to exhibit his commitment to societal welfare. He actively advocates for poverty reduction and has collaborated with fellow medical students to prepare a comprehensive policy brief, which they submitted to major political parties during the 2022 Ontario election. Furthermore, Michel is deeply passionate about education and has delivered lectures to medical students, covering a diverse range of topics such as health economics and ECG interpretation. Alongside his academic pursuits, he remains involved in ongoing research endeavors, particularly focused on cholesterol-lowering medications and other aspects of internal medicine.

Outside medicine, he was one of the leads in a multidisciplinary robotics team that designed and built a Mars rover. We tested and competed the rover at the Mars Desert Research Station, Utah (USA) for its engineering and life detection capabilities.

Michel was motivated to pursue medicine as he was interested in helping others. One of his first jobs involved working with children with autism spectrum disorder and helping them communicate using humanoid robots. Witnessing the challenges faced by these children and their families, Michel recognised the immense value of accessible and effective healthcare. The joy and progress he witnessed in the children he worked with, served as a constant reminder of the incredible power of medicine to improve the quality of life for individuals and their communities. Inspired by their resilience and the positive changes he witnessed, Michel was driven to pursue medicine and dedicate himself to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.





# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Student Profiles- 2018

## Nawal Salim

Salma & Jeelani Wani Scholarship for Film and TV

Nawal Salim is an actress, filmmaker, program producer and content developer. With almost a decade of arts and culture programming experience and a background in communications, operations, and image arts, Nawal has worked with organizations such as Silk Road Institute, Young Centre for the Performing Arts, Ontario Culture Days, DawaNet, MuslimFest, and MIST.

She has her MFA in Documentary Media from Ryerson University and has studied acting at Second City Toronto, Armstrong Studios, and LB Acting Studios. Some of her acting work includes: the TV show, In The Dark on the CW Network, the short films Taboo and One Day, and TV commercials for Canadian Tire, St. Michael's Hospital, VanCity Bank and Fidelity Investments.



## Shehryar Assad

Ike Ahmed University Entrance Scholarship

Shehryar won the Ike Ahmed University Entrance Scholarship to study Software Engineering at the University of Waterloo. He has interned as a Software Engineering Intern at Google, on the Cloud team in California, at a unicorn startup, and at Manulife. Currently, he is a founding engineer at a Bay Area-based startup and hopes to grow the company.

Shehryar has also participated in many programming competitions. Most recently, he was a winner at PennApps, the world's largest college hackathon hosting over 2000 participants. He also placed third at the Waterloo Engineering Competition where he developed an AI to play a popular computer game.

Shehryar has been involved with MAX software development on projects around mentorship and career development. Currently, he's working on the backend team for MAX Aspire - a networking platform for senior professionals.

Full circle moment: Shehryar was our first scholarship winner to give back to MSF by sponsoring a scholarship!





# 2019 WINNERS

32 scholarships worth \$119,000



Abdullah Nasih Hadi  
Ike Ahmed University  
Entrance Scholarship



Aiman Hadif Bin  
Abdul Razak  
Naseem Altaf Malik  
Humanitarian  
Scholarship



Ameera Ali  
Padinharkkara  
Scholarship for  
Aspiring Journalists



Ammar Ghalab  
Shamoon Ahsan  
Memorial All Star  
Scholarship



Asli Fuad  
Nussar Ahmad All Star  
Scholarship



Ayesha Tasneem  
Shiraz and Ayesha  
Suleman Scholarship  
for Women



Baies Haqani  
Sajda Khatoon  
Memorial All Star  
Scholarship



Baithat Olanrewaju  
Adeyinka  
Syed and Fatema  
Warsi Scholarship for  
Sciences and  
Engineering



Basma Ahmed  
Lau Family Scholarship  
for Science and  
Engineering



Dheman Ahmed Abdi  
Razia Sultana  
Memorial  
Humanitarian  
Scholarship



Efraim Yousuf  
HudHud Scholarship  
For Somali-Canadian  
Youth



Faizan Habibi  
Islamic Centre of  
Cambridge Scholarship  
for Business



Ghalia Aamer  
Walied and Deena  
Soliman All Star  
Scholarship



Hshmat Ullah Sahak  
Aasima and Pervez  
Akhter All Star  
Scholarship



Hussain Awan  
One World Athletic  
Scholarship



Ibrahim Butt  
Walied and Deena  
Soliman All Star for  
Learning Disabilities



Laya Behbahani  
Maimoona Wasi  
Ahmed Memorial All  
Star Scholarship



# 2019 WINNERS

32 scholarships worth \$119,000



Malak Ali  
Walied and Deena  
Soliman All Star  
Scholarship



Maria Arif Khan  
Mohamed  
Foundation  
Scholarship for  
Outstanding  
Achievement  
(Science)



Mavra Wasim  
Deep Roots  
Leadership  
Scholarship



Meena Waseem  
Deep Roots  
Leadership  
Scholarship



Michel Kiflen  
Mohammad  
Humayun Zafar  
Scholarship for  
Sciences and  
Engineering



Mutasem Kharsa  
Musharaf Anwar RBC  
Wealth Management  
All Star Scholarship



Muttaqi Mohammad  
Miftahul Islam  
Mohamed Foundation  
Scholarship for  
Outstanding  
Achievement  
(Engineering)



Saad Shahid Shafiq  
Eshal & Amani  
Scholarship For  
Persons with  
Disabilities



Salman Abdihakim  
Abdisalam  
HudHud Scholarship  
For Somali-Canadian  
Youth



Salman Surangiwalla  
Reza Rizvi and Family  
Humanitarian  
Scholarship



Samiuddin Danish  
Mohammed  
Mohammed Amin  
Memorial All Star  
Scholarship



Shamama Zehra  
Wendy Chan Memorial  
Scholarship for  
Business



Sumayya Mehmood  
Naseeha Mental  
Health Scholarship



Zahra Nikakhtari  
Hyder Family All Star  
Scholarship



Zainab Doleeb  
Dr. Jawad and Husna  
Khan Medical School  
Scholarship





# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Student Profiles- 2019

## MEENA WASEEM

Deep Roots Leadership Scholarship

Winner of the MAX Deep Roots Leadership Scholarship, Meena Waseem is passionate about health equity & accessibility, civic engagement, and education. Recently, she was elected as a school board trustee for the Waterloo Region District School Board representing Kitchener. In 2019 she was also awarded the prestigious Loran Scholarship, awarded to young Canadians who demonstrate character, service and leadership potential.

Currently a Consulting Intern at Oliver Wyman, and Rise on Boards Steering Committee Member at Fora, she has completed internships at Deloitte and Bombardier. She is also a fourth year student at Queens Commerce.

Previously, Meena has held the student council president post at her school and held executive positions on multiple school clubs such as DECA, Agents for Change social justice club, LINK crew, a peer mentorship club and also had the honour of being a guest speaker at the Kitchener City Council's inauguration ceremony. She organized her school's first-ever mental health assembly and a successful hurricane relief fundraiser. Meena was also a Co-Director of empowerment camps for children and youth, a volunteer for Smart Cities Innovation Council, and a percussionist in her school's band.



## Baies Haqani

Sajda Khatoon Memorial All-Star Scholarship

Winner of the Sajda Khatoon Memorial All-Star Scholarship, Baies Haqani is now an Epidemiologist at the Public Health Agency of Canada.

He has worked on Health Canada's Opioid Response Team and served as the youth counterpart to Health Canada's Deputy Minister on the Deputy Ministers' Youth Subcommittee. Previously, Baies worked with Canada C3, a Canada 150 Signature Project, which was funded \$11 million dollars and housed under the SOI Foundation. He contributed to several academic publications through his work with a world-renowned environmental physiology laboratory that examined the impacts of climate change and extreme heat on human health.

Baies has led global and local initiatives and contributed to multiple renowned roundtables, including as a World Economic Forum Global Shaper, Facilitator at Motivate Canada conferences across the country, as a Public Appointee for the Ontario Government's Premier's Council for Youth Opportunities, and previously with the Ottawa Youth Engagement Committee. He has also participated in projects informing the 2018 G7 Summit, the 2018 United Nations ECOSOC Youth Forum, and the Economist Intelligence Unit formation of the Migration Governance Indicators.





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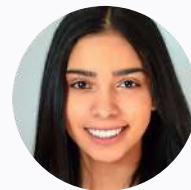
40 scholarships worth \$178,000



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Rashida Ansar  
Scholarship for  
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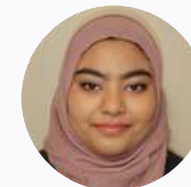
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Achievement



Badr Hefnawi  
Reza Rizvi and Family  
Humanitarian  
Scholarship



Enas Omer Abubaker  
BridgeTO Scholar



Faduma Mohamed  
HudHud Scholarship  
For Somali-Canadian  
Youth



Fahmeeda Murtaza  
Uddin & Hassan  
Scholarship for  
Women



Ghalia Aamer  
Shamoon Ahsan  
Memorial All Star  
Scholarship



Habon Dahir Ali  
Nussar Ahmad All Star  
Scholarship



Hafsa Binte Zahid  
Lau Family Scholarship  
for Science and  
Engineering



Hamza Furmli  
Naseem Altaf Malik  
Humanitarian  
Scholarship



Huda Abukar  
Abdulkadir Hagi  
HudHud Scholarship  
For Somali-Canadian  
Youth



Ijlaal Danish Abdali  
Islamic Centre of  
Cambridge  
Scholarship



Ikran Abdullahi Ali  
Cars & Chai Toronto  
Scholarship



Ilhan Bade  
BridgeTO Scholar



Isra Amsdr  
Eshal & Amani  
Scholarship For  
Persons with  
Disabilities



Jeenan Kaiser  
Shiraz and Ayesha  
Suleman Scholarship  
for Women



Kashif Ahmed Bin Arif  
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Aasima and Pervez  
Akhter All Star  
Scholarship



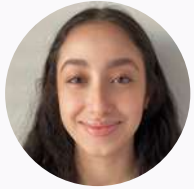
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Marwa Saleem  
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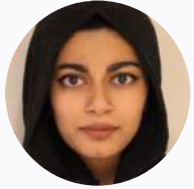
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BridgeTO: Opheera  
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Nasir



Saada Hussen  
HudHud Scholarship  
For Somali-Canadian  
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Sakeina Aneisa Syed  
Uddin & Hassan  
Scholarship for  
Leadership in Business



Salwa Arooj Farooqi  
Dr. Bushra Qureshy  
Medicine/Dentistry  
Scholarship



Sami Islam  
Padinharkkara  
Scholarship for  
Aspiring Journalists



Sarah Aly  
Sajda Khatoon  
Memorial All Star  
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Shana Ahemode  
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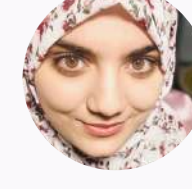
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Learning Disabilities



Sumreen Javed  
Sajjad Ebrahim Family  
Scholarship



Tayyib Mahmood  
Chohan  
Muhammad  
Khaleelullah and  
Waheeda Begum



Zanib Nafees  
Mohammad Humayun  
Zafar Scholarship for  
Sciences and  
Engineering



Ziad Abdul Hakim  
Zahoui  
Mohamed Foundation  
Scholarship for  
Outstanding  
Achievement





# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Student Profile- 2020



## Sumreen Javed

2020 Sajjad Ebrahim Family  
Scholarship Recipient

"I am a postdoctoral research fellow with Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, studying the effects of Cancer Immunotherapy on patients' quality of life.

My primary motivation stems from an innate desire to make a profound impact. I hold unwavering faith to leave a lasting and successful legacy in the field of cancer therapeutics, ensuring my contributions endure long after my time has passed.

Winning the MAX scholarship during the pandemic provided significant financial stability and hope, empowering me to prioritize education, personal growth, and resilience.

With this invaluable support, I successfully completed the Canadian Pharmacy licensing exams and a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from UBC, serving as a powerful reminder to seek support and place trust in Allah S.W.T for a brighter future."



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Student Profiles- 2020

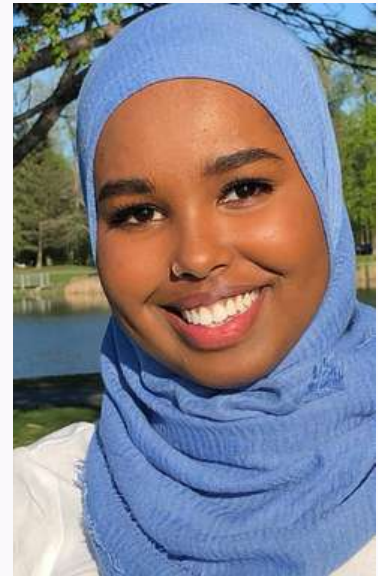
## Saada Hussien

2020 Scholarship Recipient

"MAX Scholarship Fund encouraged me to undertake many formal and informal projects. With less worry about tuition fees, I could focus on matters that I was passionate about.

One of my many endeavors consisted of efforts to actively advocate for a more culturally sensitive and diverse curriculum through a complete curriculum audit on first and second year educational material. The objective of this audit was to identify race-based generalizations and gaps, flag areas deemed as culturally insensitive, holding race-based generalizations, or lacking diversity, and to provide recommendations regarding anti-Black racism to the Faculty of Medicine Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

This project is the first of its kind and is how I choose to contribute at the local level. Essentially, my goal is to create an equitable and representative curriculum in order to achieve effective patient centered care. On the national level, my efforts consist of connecting with the Black Medical Student Associations (BMSAs) across Canada in a joint effort to break down barriers and collect data on the application process. This relies heavily on the joint efforts of the various BMSAs and allows for collaboration on a national scale."



## Mahir Hamid

2020 Scholarship Recipient

"After receiving the MAX scholarship, I founded a consultancy at Queen's called Queen's Startup Consulting. Our group consults high-growth startups in areas of technical development and business development. I am also the class president of my student government and a senior business analyst on the Queen's tech incubator program.

Recently, I was awarded the Cansbridge Fellowship—an opportunity that takes 18 Canadians and gives them \$10k to pursue an internship in Asia alongside a training program in Silicon Valley. They have under a 4% acceptance rate, and I am so proud to be representing the Muslim community in the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem!"



# 2021 WINNERS

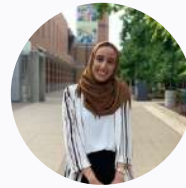
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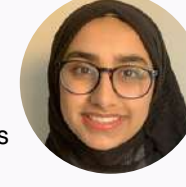
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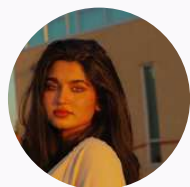
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Hussein Ali Jaafar  
MSF Mechanical  
Engineering  
Scholarship



Ibrahim Sadiq  
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Jayla Theodore  
BridgeTO Scholar:  
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Family



Khalidha Nasiri  
Muhammad and Mai  
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Scholarship



Lamisa Ahmed  
BridgeTO Scholar:  
Haq Family



Mariam AlRoujuleh  
MSF Newcomers &  
Refugees to Canada  
Scholarship



Mohammad Alameen  
Damer  
Dr. Bushra Quereshy  
Medicine/Dentistry  
Scholarship

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Nejat Hassen Syed and Fatema Warsi Scholarship for Sciences and Engineering



Noah Zabian Walied and Deena Soliman All Star for L&L



Muhammad Shehryar Khan Sajjad Ebrahim Family Scholarship



Radiya Abdirahman BridgeTO Scholar: Haq Family



Rahma Osman HudHud Scholarship For Somali-Canadian Youth



Rabe Arshad Mohammad Humayun Zafar Scholarship for Sciences and Engineering



Rehona Zamani Dr. Bushra Quereshy Medicine/Dentistry Scholarship



Safiyah Marhnouj Padinharkkara Scholarship for Aspiring Journalists



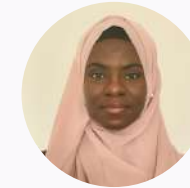
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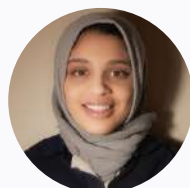
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Sarah Abdalrahman Blueridge OMS Women in STEM Scholarship



Shaan Baig Cars & Chai Toronto Scholarship



Sidrah Shaikh Yahya and Fatima Ansar Scholarship



Sara Mohammed Shehryar Assad University Entrance Scholarship



Zainab Doleeb Shiraz and Ayesha Suleman Scholarship for Women



Zainab Hakim Mohamed Foundation Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement



Tasneem Alnahhas Hasan Ali and Roshanbanu Sachedina Scholarship



Zenab Gill Sonia and Jawaid Mirza Scholarship



Zaynah Bhanji Mohamed Foundation Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Student Profile- 2021

## Isra Amsdr

2021 Eshal & Amani Scholarship For Persons with Disabilities

"Hello!! My name is Isra Amsdr, and I am pursuing a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in fine arts + psychology with a certificate in visual literacy and culture, at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick.

MSF Scholarship stood out to me because it was the only set of scholarships that I encountered that were directly targeted at empowering people who identified as Muslim. MSF almost creates this ripple effect across the Muslim community in which success is contagious.

For me, receiving an MSF scholarship brought on not only an undoubtable sense of empowerment, but also relief. Growing up with a single mother in government funded housing meant that money was always tight. What I was able to do was not limited by my abilities, but instead by a lack of finances. The effect of the MSF Scholarship catalyzed a movement of continuous success throughout my life. I don't think I had realized the impact that can come from someone taking a chance on me until I won the MSF Scholarship, because prior to winning it, no one had ever taken a chance on me.

I have also been working on a self-portrait book documenting my experience as a young person with a disability. The book highlights the reality of progressive health issues and how not everyone leaves the hospital better. Sometimes better is only a reverberation of being merely kept alive. As much as a nuisance it can be to maintain and run my medical regiment, it keeps me alive, and life is a beautiful thing."



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Student Profile- 2021

## Ehlam Iftikhar 2021 Scholarship Recipient

"I am a third-year Honors Physiology student at the University of Alberta. For my career, I aspire to go into the OB/GYN field within the healthcare industry. My inspiration for this future is my mother. Growing up, I was blessed to have an incredible role model who has been my rock throughout the roller coaster of my life. Her unwavering support helped me accomplish feats within my academic journey that I never thought possible. As a mother of six children, her life has definitely been busy and the moment I cherish most with her is when she shares her stories of the beginning of her parenthood journey in Pakistan. Through informing me of the need for female doctors within the sensitive field of OB/GYN in underdeveloped countries, it has ignited a passion for me to pursue this education to eventually be involved in Doctors Without Borders.

Winning the Yumnah Afzaal Memorial All-Star Scholarship not only helped me pay my tuition for university but also gave me confidence. With MAX's support, I realized that I was taking the right actions in my community and will continue making a beneficial impact as a Muslim. For the past two years, I have been a volunteer for the MAX marketing team, and feel incredibly grateful to give back to an organization that has not only been a huge part of my life but has helped me in discovering my identity.

As an ambassador for the Canadian Association for Girls in Science and a member of the Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science, and Technology (WISEST), I have the pleasure of meeting enthusiastic, STEM-loving girls who are always curious to learn about the fascinations of the world. One piece of advice I share with them is this: *adversity produces creativity. Growing up, encountering barriers is inevitable. Hurdles will come during your highs and even your lows. How you approach these obstacles and your strategies to overcome them is where your creativity will shine. Not only will you become more resilient, but you will blossom into your best self!*

One adversity I encountered was pursuing a science passion within a rural community as STEM resources were limited growing up in a small town. With determination to not let the spark burn out, I reached out to find opportunities, such as internships. Now, I am part of the University of Alberta WISEST's Youth Council where I reach out to rural areas and send them STEM care packages annually.

Never give up on your passions and use adversities as opportunities to grow!





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Abdullah Al Azzawi  
Aspiring Social  
Impact Leader  
Scholarship



Baithat Adeyinka  
Dr. Bushra Quereshy  
Medicine/Dentistry  
Scholarship



Leila Khelouiati  
Muslim in Media Award



Adham El Sherbini  
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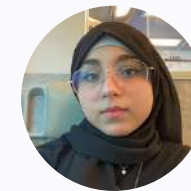
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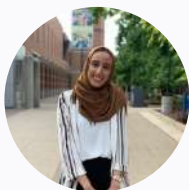
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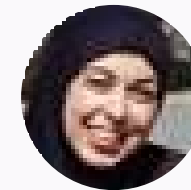
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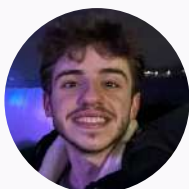
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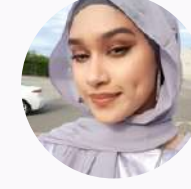
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Mariyam Memorial  
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Newcomers



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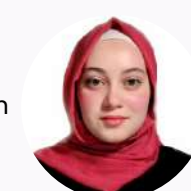
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Mohamed  
Nashnoush  
SSS Owais  
Scholarship



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Shareef  
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Scholarship



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Lau Family Scholarship  
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Rehona Zamani  
Mohsin Ali Qureshi  
Memorial Scholarship  
for Women's  
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Ritika Barsha Banik  
BridgeTO Scholar:  
Walied and Deena  
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Rodaina Aboelela  
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Saudah Gazi Khurshid A. Chaudhury All Star Scholarship



Yomna Omer Adam & Elias Launch Scholarship



Sana Jawad Nussar Ahmad All Star Scholarship



Sham Al Mukdad MSF Refugees to Canada Scholarship



Youssra Rahham Madiha Salman Memorial Science and Engineering Scholarship



Sara Ahmed Cars & Chai Toronto Scholarship



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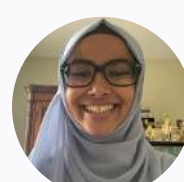
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Sarah Balkhi Uddin and Hassan Scholarship for Leadership in Business



Yasmin Dini Hyder Family All Star Scholarship



Zunairah Gangat Mahdi and Rashida Ansar Scholarship for Science and Engineering



Nejat Hassen Dr. Shiraz and Ayesha Suleman Scholarship for Women





# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Student Profile- 2022

## Baithat Adeyinka

2022 Dr. Bushra Quereshy Medicine/Dentistry Scholarship

"I am a first-year medical student at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry at Western University. My journey to medical school was an emotional roller coaster ride, filled with ups and downs. It took me three application cycles before finally being accepted, and during that time, I faced various challenges that tested my resilience. Throughout those triumphs, I relied on my faith and support system, drawing strength to overcome the difficult moments and persist towards my goal.

My interactions with physicians during my journey through sports injuries became the driving force behind my motivation to become a doctor. Witnessing their compassionate care and healing impact on patients inspired me to pursue a career in medicine, allowing me to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. The Islamic emphasis on healing and serving humanity reinforced my motivation for medicine, fostering a profound sense of purpose and dedication to the noble profession.

It hasn't been an easy journey, but Alhamdulillah, I was inspired by my parents and brothers who supported me throughout my journey. I also sought inspiration from remarkable individuals like Dr. Qaali Hussein and other Muslim Women who navigated the medical space while upholding their faith. Their presence and accomplishments served as a powerful reminder that I, too, belong in this profession and can excel while remaining true to my identity and beliefs.

I was deeply inspired by other Black Muslim Women professionals in healthcare spaces who embraced their identities and remained strong in their faith. I hope to inspire other young Black Muslim girls to be confident in their identities so they can practice their faith freely and make positive contributions to their community. This is also why I helped co-found an organization called MONA, which aims to provide high school-aged Muslim girls with the chance to connect, network, and develop leadership skills. Through MONA, I hope to give young Muslim girls the confidence to become leaders in their communities.

My message to other young Black Muslim Women is rooted in faith and resilience. In times of challenges, rely on your faith and remember that challenges are opportunities for growth. Surround yourself with a supportive group of people who will be there to lift you during your lows and celebrate you during your highs. Remember that Allah is the best of planners, and although we can't change the past, we can always be resilient, persevere, and have tawakkul."





# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Student Profile- 2022

## Aliaa Gouda

2021 Salahuddin & Rehana Malik Science & Engineering Scholarship &  
2022 Sajjad Ebrahim Family Scholarship Recipient

“Currently, I’m pursuing a PhD in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Toronto. My research is centred around the development and evaluation of wearable rehabilitation systems tailored for individuals using lower-limb prosthesis.

My motivation to pursue my current path stems from a personal experience that deeply resonated with me. Witnessing my mother's tireless efforts as she trekked the city to ensure my younger sister attends her speech therapy sessions left a lasting impression on me. This observation made me realize the significance and need for accessible and convenient solutions for rehabilitation.

Winning a MAX Scholarship has greatly supported my journey in several ways. One of the most valuable aspects has been the networking opportunities it has afforded me. Volunteering opportunities and mentorship programs facilitated by the scholarship have allowed me to engage with diverse communities and learn from experts in various disciplines. It has been a catalyst for my personal and professional growth, enabling me to forge connections, gain knowledge, and explore new avenues in my professional journey.

My message to young women is simple: be curious and never hesitate to ask, ask, ask! By embracing curiosity, you open yourself up to a world of opportunities that you may have never known existed. Don't be afraid to ask questions, seek knowledge, and pursue your own unique path.

Setbacks don't necessarily mean losing an opportunity; they often redirect you to paths you might have never imagined. Embrace the twists and turns, and you'll find yourself on a path filled with unexpected opportunities and meaningful experiences.

Additionally, you'd be surprised by how much people out there do want to help and give back. Seek out mentors, role models, and support networks who genuinely want to see you succeed. Don't hesitate to reach out to professionals in your field of interest, ask for advice, and build connections. You'll find that many are more than willing to lend a helping hand and share their experiences.

So, believe in yourself, embrace curiosity, and never be afraid to ask questions! Your unique perspectives and contributions have the power to shape the world.”



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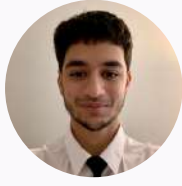
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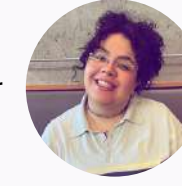
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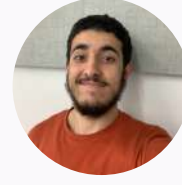
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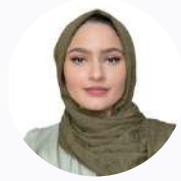
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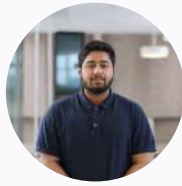
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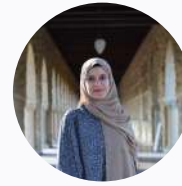
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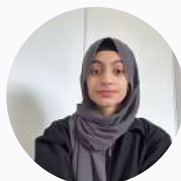
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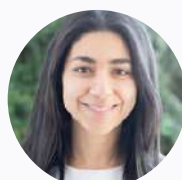
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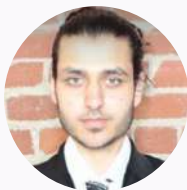
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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Student Profile- 2023

## Sadia Mehmood 2023 Scholarship Recipient

Sadia Mehmood is a deeply motivated 1st year medical (MD) student at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry. She holds a fierce passion for multi-level advocacy initiatives inspired by her personal struggles caring for her Mother over the span of decades until her recent passing. Sadia's lifelong vision of becoming a multi-faceted physician led her to complete the Clinical Trials Management program at Western University following her BSc in Biomedical Sciences at Toronto Metropolitan University, where she was the sole recipient of the President's National Scholarship (\$40,000 value) for the Faculty of Science.

Throughout her academic journey, Sadia has actively participated in multiple clinical research teams, focusing on studying cardiometabolic diseases. Her efforts have resulted in contributions to 5 peer-reviewed publications, including 2 first-author primary research papers and a meta-analysis. Moreover, Sadia's academic achievements have been recognized through the UHN/Mount Sinai Hollenberg Research competition, where she secured first place amongst her medical trainee peers, despite being an undergraduate student at the time.

Sadia's commitment to empowering her communities is deeply rooted in her personal experiences. Having lived in social-housing and serving as a caregiver for most of her life has strengthened her resolve to study health-policy and principles of equitable care. Her ultimate goal is to apply her passions for medicine and advocacy to address the barriers faced by socially and medically complex patients. She strongly believes that uplifting one another is key to success and that healthcare should be accessible and equitable to all, regardless of their background.



# QURAN RECITATION COMPETITION

Ramadan is a time of giving, a time of peace and prayer, and a month where reciting and reflecting on the words of the Quran holds a special significance. In 2021, MAX was excited to host its first Annual Quran Recitation Competition (QRC). Since then it has become a much anticipated annual Ramadan tradition. \$8,000 worth of awards were made available each year. Here are the winners of the QRC for the last three years:

2021



Maira Mallick  
Elementary School  
Category  
First Place



Juwairiyah Syed  
Elementary  
School Category  
Second Place  
(tied)



Fatimah Shaikh  
Elementary  
School Category  
Second Place  
(tied)



Mohazzama  
Muhtaj  
Ages 14 and up  
First Place



Abdul Rahman Al Kos  
Ages 14 and up  
Second Place (Tied)



Ejlal Meer  
Ages 14 and up  
Second Place  
(Tied)

2022



Fatimah Shaikh  
Elementary/Middle  
School Category  
First Place



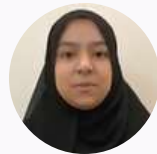
Syed Rafay Ul  
Hassan  
Elementary/Middle  
School Category  
Second Place



Ahmad Mohaia  
Elementary/Middle  
School Category  
Judges Choice



Shameena Ariff  
High School/CEGEP  
First Place



Hamida  
Mohammad  
Farokh  
High  
School/CEGEP  
Second Place



Raeed Sheikh  
High  
School/CEGEP  
Judges Choice



Hadeel Mohamed  
College/University  
First Place



Mariam Adib  
College/University  
Second Place



Mohazzama Muhtaj  
College/University  
Judges Choice

2023



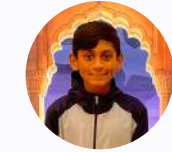
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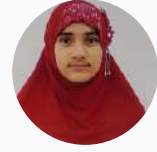
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Female Winner



Mohamed Alsari  
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Category  
People's Choice



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First Place



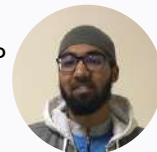
Sanja Maliyat  
Elementary/Middle  
School Category  
Second Place



Asad Hussain  
Elementary/Middle  
School  
Category  
People's Choice



Sumeya Antar  
High School/CEGEP  
Category  
First Place



Asjad Hussain  
High  
School/CEGEP  
Category  
Second Place



Muhammad Patel  
High School/CEGEP  
Category  
People's Choice



Hafsa Hassan  
College/University  
Category  
First Place (tied)



Shahryar Durrani  
College/University  
Category  
First Place (tied)



Farhan Jogiat  
College/University  
Category  
People's Choice



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