

2024 Ayaan Munir Memorial Scholarship CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



The Ayaan Munir Memorial Scholarship (AMMS) was created to help bereaved parents further their education after the loss of their child. Such loss forever alters parents' and caregivers' lives, and their grieving journey may include a desire to start or reimagine a career that honors their late child and gives back to society. This annual scholarship offers financial assistance to bereaved parents or legal guardians seeking higher education to achieve any career transition through a trade school, Associate's, Bachelor's, or Master's degree. Ayaan's parents hope this scholarship enables bereaved parents to attain new educational and career goals with less financial hardship.

AMMS is in the amount of \$4000 for the four beautiful years of Ayaan's life. Ayaan was a kind and intellectually curious American born in South Korea and raised in Rwanda with his twin brother. His luminous smiles, warm hugs, and gentle words demonstrated his love for humanity. He died of an aggressive brain tumor in Kenya on December 30, 2022.

Although not necessary, special attention may be paid to applications from first-generation college students, applicants who are Black, Latinx, indigenous, or a person of color, those from disadvantaged background or those underrepresented groups in any field of study (e.g., women in science), those studying for a degree in a “helping field” (e.g., counseling/therapy, healthcare, education), or those with clear financial need.

This scholarship is a one-time payment, but recipients may reapply yearly for up to four years. There is no expectation of repayment. Recipients must maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) if enrolled in higher education courses with GPA measurements. The AMMS is for accredited U.S.-based higher education institutions; we regret that we cannot offer international scholarships now.

Accessibility in the application process: In addition to English, Ayaan’s parents can review electronic applications from English language learners who would like submit in Spanish, Portuguese, or Urdu. Additionally, applicants without a laptop may submit their written answers in the body of an email from their phones. Applicants who are not comfortable with written communication may submit their application answers verbally in an audio submission shared via email.

Please send the requirements below to laine.munir@asu.edu:

- Completed application.
- One letter of recommendation (from a teacher, counselor, clergy member, work supervisor, etc., but not from a family member or close friend).
- Optional supplements that may be included with an application are transcripts, acceptance letters from higher education programs, resumes, or any other documents that help demonstrate the applicant’s education or history.

DEADLINE: April 1, 2024. Online interviews will be in mid-April, and applicants will be notified of the award decision in late April.

APPLICATION: 2024 AYAAN MUNIR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 1, 2024

NAME: _____
First, Middle, Last

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

DESIRED DEGREE PROGRAM: (e.g., B.S. in Psychology) _____

DESIRED INSTITUTION OF STUDY: _____

NAME OF REFERENCE: _____

REFERENCE'S PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please have your referee send their letter of recommendation directly to laine.munir@asu.edu with the applicant's full name and "AMMS" in the subject line by March 15, 2024.

In either a separate email attachment or the body of the application email, answer the following questions in under 500 words each:

1. Please share the name, age, and information that matters to you about your precious child so that Ayaan's parents may honor them in reviewing applications.
2. Please describe your education and work history before the loss of your child.
3. Please describe how your child loss experience has impacted how you view your role in society. How has your loss changed what you want from a career?
4. Please describe your intended education and career outcomes after receiving an AMMS. What will you do with your training/degree to make your community kinder and more equitable for all?

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____