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Dear Senior Scholarship Counselor,

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

Enclosed you will find background information, essay form for the Syed Farrukh Shabbir, M.D., Memorial Scholarship. This is a 500-word essay contest.

Please communicate the availability of this scholarship to your college-bound graduating seniors. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2009. First place scholarship is \$500. This year, we are able to offer a second place scholarship award of \$250.

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 would like me to send you and electronic documents, please email me and I would be happy to do so, If you should have any questions, please contact me at 816-213-2536 or at Mahnaz@shabbiradvisors.com.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mahnaz M. Shabbir

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. For factual information, draw on more than one source.
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.

Syed Farrukh Shabbir, M.D. Memorial Scholarship
First Place \$500 Scholarship and Second Place \$250 Scholarship for a College Bound
Graduating Senior 2008 est. 2007

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 should be stapled on top of the submitted essay.

Essays should be mailed to Syed Farrukh Shabbir, M.D. Memorial Scholarship, P.O. Box 23175, Overland Park, Kansas 66283. The deadline is March 31, 2009 (postmark).

The winners will be announced the first week of May and awarded at the student's high school awards ceremony. The winners will also be invited to the annual Crescent Peace Society dinner held in the fall.

For more information, please contact Mahnaz Shabbir at 816-213-2536. Malnaz@shabbiradvisors.com.

Syed Farrukh Shabbir, M.D. Memorial Scholarship est. 2007

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 my essay in the Kansas City Star and other publications.

Student's signature: _____ date: _____ Parent's signature: _____ date: _____

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(Attach your essay to the cover sheet)