

MURAT SHRINE BUSINESS CONNECTION

A Business and Professional Networking Association
Of
Murat Shriners

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Dear Applicant:

Congratulations on being selected to receive a 2009 Murat Shrine Business Connection Scholarship Application. Your scholarship is sponsored by the Murat Shrine Business Connection, an association of members of the Murat Shrine in Indianapolis, Indiana who are dedicated to promoting the business interests of its members and providing scholarships to deserving patients or former patients of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

If you wish to obtain a scholarship from the Murat Shrine Business Connection to attend a college or university you may do so by completing the forms and returning them to us by March 16, 2009. This is our seventh year for the scholarship program and we have no set criteria for the granting of scholarships other than that we want to "make a difference" in the ability of an applicant to attend the college or university of his or her choice. You are one of only a select few patients and former patients who were sponsored by Murat Shriners to receive this application.

Since 2003, our first year, we have awarded a total of 41 scholarships amounting to a total of \$43,000.00. By April 10, 2009 we will award more scholarships for this year. If selected to receive a scholarship, you will need to attend one of our membership meetings and dinners during April, May or June, so that we may announce your scholarship and attend one of our fund raising events later in the year. Your family is also welcome to attend those meetings and be introduced, if they so desire. In addition, we would like to present the scholarship to you at your school's awards program.

Finally, we would like to publish your picture and a short story about the scholarship in our Murat Magazine, which has a circulation of about 15,000. In this way, we hope to generate interest in other people to donate money to our Scholarship Fund, which will enable us to continue the scholarships, both to you and to other deserving patients or former patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Chairman of our Selection Committee is Don Richards. When you return your Application to Murat Temple it will be Mr. Richards who will advise you if you have been awarded a scholarship. Please do not delay in returning the Application, as March 16 is our last date for accepted applications. Good luck and we look forward to hearing from you.

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