



## **The Younis Mansi Essa Scholarship for Healthcare Professionals**

**Housed at the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP)**

**Scholarship Deadline: 11:59 pm on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **About the Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to exceptionally driven undergraduate students in Southeast Michigan who are studying in the healthcare field at an accredited university or community college. It is anticipated that scholarships will be \$1,000. The fund will make all grant distributions directly to the student's affiliated college or university.

### **The story behind Younis Mansi Essa**

Dena Essa has been a nurse since 1995. It prepared her for her most important patient: Her father, Younis Mansi Essa. He suffered from chronic liver failure and was on dialysis for nearly 21 years. The hospital was his second home. Younis spent much of his time with healthcare professionals, developing meaningful relationships. "They loved him. They loved his smile," says Dena of her father. Younis, who was born and raised in Palestine, is the driving force behind this scholarship for students pursuing their degrees in the healthcare field.

### **Eligibility and Requirements:**

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- Be currently enrolled or accepted into an undergraduate program at an accredited university or community college in Southeast Michigan
  - A list of eligible schools are located on page 3-4
- Must be studying in the healthcare field (i.e. nursing, physician assistants, surgical and ultrasound technicians, respiratory therapists, etc)
- GPA and Test Scores:
  - For high school seniors, must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and ACT score of 24 or higher, or SAT score of 1160 or higher (test scores optional this year due to COVID-19)
  - For currently enrolled undergraduate students, must have a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher
- Must agree to provide career data upon graduation
- Must demonstrate financial need and have a completed FASFA on file with the Financial Aid Office

### **Application:**

1. Fill out the application form online: <https://www.centeraap.org/grants/scholarships/the-younis-mansi-essa-scholarship-for-healthcare-professionals/>



2. Submit a personal statement, one letter of recommendation from non-family members, an up-to-date Student Aid Report, a most recent high school or college transcript (unofficial OK), and a resume or CV through the online form.

#### **Personal Statement**

Submit an essay of *no more than two 8.5" x 11" typed, double-spaced pages, size 12 font, with 1-inch margins* describing the following:

- Career aspirations
- Reasons for choosing the healthcare field and career preparation
- Your financial need (i.e. Are you first to attend college in your family? Do you have any special circumstances you would like the scholarship committee to consider?)
- What impact would being a Younis Mansi Essa scholar have on you
- Leadership and volunteer activities in your community and/or school

#### **Student Aid Report (SAR)**

Complete the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) application and submit a PDF copy of your federal SAR with your application. If you need help filling out the FAFSA form, please contact the college or university's Office of Financial Aid.

#### **Letter of Recommendation**

Submit 1 non-family letter of recommendation. Each letter must be signed and on official letterhead. Your letter writer must explain their relationship to you and provide their contact information within the letter. If your recommenders prefer to deliver their letters directly to the Essa Scholarship Committee, please instruct them to do so at this link: <http://www.centeraap.org/scholarship-letter-of-recommendation-form/>

#### **High school or College Transcript**

Submit your most recent high school or college transcript (unofficial OK) with your application. If you wish to submit your transcripts directly, please mail to:

**ATTN: Mikala Cox  
Essa Scholarship Committee  
2651 Saulino Court  
Dearborn MI 48120**

#### **Resume or Curriculum Vitae**

Submit a resume or CV that lists any work and/or volunteer experiences you've had. Also include any honors or awards you have received.

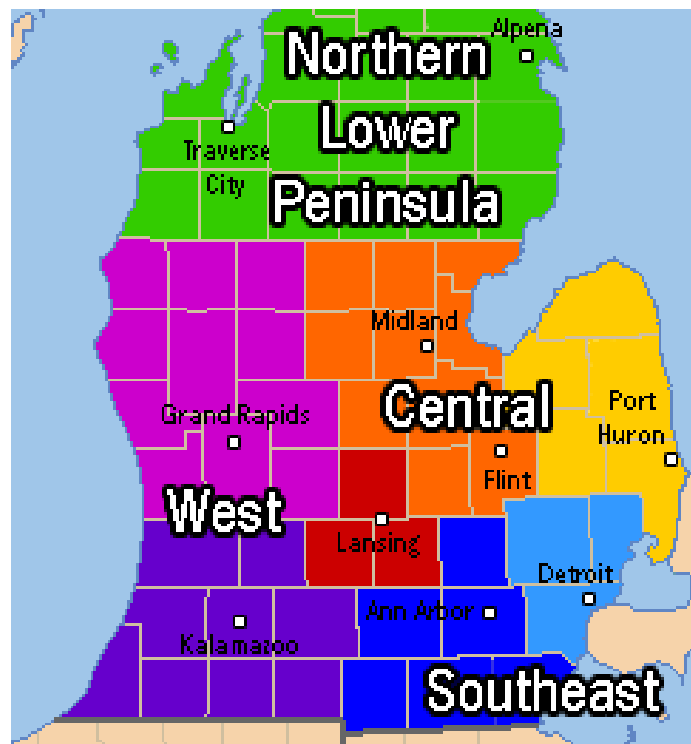


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Please direct any questions to Mikala Cox at [mcox@accesscommunity.org](mailto:mcox@accesscommunity.org).

## Eligible Universities and Colleges in Southeast Michigan

Please find your college in the list below to ensure it's location is considered Southeast Michigan. If you do not see your school on the list, please reach out to Mikala Cox at [mcox@accesscommunity.org](mailto:mcox@accesscommunity.org) to verify it is eligible.



- Adrian College
- Baker College of Auburn Hills
- College for Creative Studies Detroit
- Concordia University Ann Arbor
- Davenport University – Warren
- Eastern Michigan University
- Henry Ford College
- Lawrence Tech University – Southfield
- Macomb Community College



- Madonna University
- Marygrove College
- MIAT College of Technology Canton
- Monroe Community College
- Oakland Community College
- Oakland University
- Rochester University
- Schoolcraft College
- Siena Heights University
- Southeast Regional Exchange
- Spring Arbor University – Southfield
- The Michigan School of Psychology – Farmington Hills
- U of Detroit Mercy
- U of M Ann Arbor
- U of M Dearborn
- Walsh College
- Washtenaw Community College
- Wayne State University