



The Younis Mansi Essa Scholarship for Healthcare Professionals

Housed at the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP)

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:

- 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

Application:

1. Create an account and fill out the application through the online Scholarship Portal.:
<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Login?urlkey=access>
2. Submit a personal statement, one letter of recommendation from non-family members, your most recent high school or college transcript (unofficial OK), and a resume or CV through the online Scholarship Portal.

**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

Letter of Recommendation

Submit 1 non-family letter of recommendation. Each letter must be signed on an 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, you will have that option in the portal, just select "Send Request to Recommender."

High school or College Transcript

Submit your most recent high school or college transcript (unofficial OK) with your application.

Resume or Curriculum Vitae

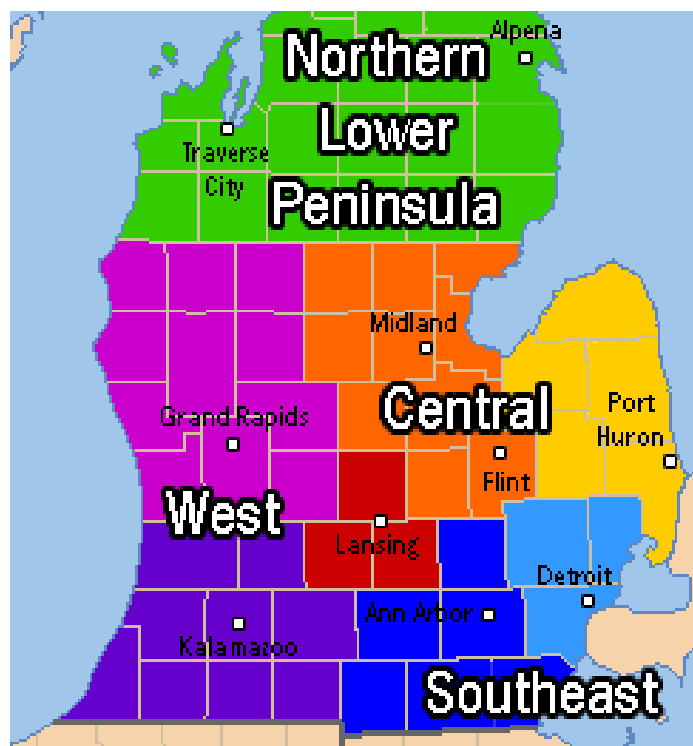
Submit a resume or CV that lists any work and/or volunteer experiences you've had. Also include any honors or awards you have received.

Please direct any questions to the CAAP team at caap@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 the CAAP team at caap@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