

# Dr. Raana Akbar Scholarship for Women in Health Care

In memory and honor of Dr. Raana Akbar, Dr. Waheed Akbar and the Akbar family has graciously donated funds to the St. Mary's of Michigan Foundation for the purpose of establishing an annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.

## About Dr. Raana Akbar

In the more than 30 years since she came to this country from Pakistan, Dr. Raana Akbar, a board certified allergist, established herself as an advocate, leader and health care pioneer in the Saginaw community.

Dr. Raana Akbar brought doctors together and was also outspoken about specific issues facing female physicians. Alongside her husband, Dr. Waheed Akbar, Dr. Raana Akbar was also an outspoken advocate for Muslim families living in the United States and diligently promoted the peaceful nature of their Muslim faith.

Dr. Raana Akbar received numerous accolades for her hard work and dedication to the medical profession and to the community. She received a Religious Leader Award from Saginaw's Bridge Center for Racial Harmony, the Michigan State National Leadership Award and the Michigan State Medical Society Community Service, among others. In 2004, St. Mary's of Michigan Foundation honored Dr. Raana and Dr. Waheed Akbar as recipients of its Spirit of St. Vincent Award.

In addition to her profound professional achievements, Dr. Raana Akbar was a loving and supportive mother to two daughters, Amna and Zainab, and a son, Ahmed. Friends and colleagues agree that Dr. Raana Akbar was a genuinely kind and thoughtful friend and a warm and wonderful soul. She was highly respected throughout the physician community, and her contributions to the Saginaw area have been invaluable. She was a force for peace in our community, and her life and work was a blessing for us all.

## Application Guidelines

The scholarship funds will be provided for the benefit of women enrolled in or accepted for enrollment in a full-time undergraduate or graduate academic program in a health care-related field.

Applicants must:

- Provide proof of a grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
- Submit a written statement of not more than 500 words stating reasons for pursuing the Dr. Raana Akbar Scholarship for Women in Health Care.
- Attach current letters of recommendation from any two (2) of the following: high school or college/university teacher(s), counselors, administrators, and/or community leaders.
- Submit a completed application with attachments by **April 18** for enrollment commencing in the fall session of the academic year.

Selection will be based on information contained in the application.

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

## Dr. Raana Akbar Scholarship for Women in Health Care Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) St. Mary's of Michigan Associate?      Yes      No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept.: \_\_\_\_\_

List extra-curricular, community & school activities (attach additional sheet, if necessary):

### STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

*Please read carefully and sign below.*

The facts set forth in my application for the Dr. Raana Akbar Scholarship for Women in Health Care are true and complete. I authorize my references to provide information concerning me to the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Further, I release all such persons providing character reference from liability or damages incurred as a result of furnishing the above information. I understand that false statements or omission of relevant information should be considered sufficient cause to reject this application.

If I am awarded the scholarship, I will use it toward tuition for the named academic program. If for any reason I am unable to complete the semester for which the scholarship was used, I agree to notify the St. Mary's of Michigan Foundation and reimburse the full amount received.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature

E-mail completed application with attachments by **April 18** to [dschofield@stmarysofmichigan.org](mailto:dschofield@stmarysofmichigan.org).

Or print and send completed application to:  
St. Mary's of Michigan Foundation  
800 S. Washington Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48601

Questions? Call the Foundation at (989) 907-8300.