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**New Neighbor Scholarship Application – Fall 2018**

**About**

[Amaanah Refugee Services](http://www.refugeelink.com) and the [Desert Moon Foundation](https://desertmoonfoundation.com/) have a setup a college scholarship fund for students who have arrived to the United States through the refugee resettlement process. The goal of the fund is to assist students on their journey to finding meaningful employment and becoming contributing members of their communities. Awards will range from $3,000-$5,000 per semester. Students can re-apply each semester for four complete academic years.

**Criteria**

* Must have arrived to the U.S. within the last 5 years through the resettlement process
* Must be a resident of the greater Houston area
* Must be a high school senior at the time of the application with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
* Must be accepted into 4-year accredited university as a full-time student
* Must provide all documentation requested below
	+ Valid Texas ID or Driver’s License
	+ Social Security Card
	+ Official immigration document stating date of arrival (Passport or I-9)
	+ 1 page essay (details provided below)
	+ High-school transcripts
	+ 2 letters of recommendation from current high school
	+ College acceptance letter

**Essay**

Please write a 1-page essay about your future career and life aspirations. Please explain how attending college will help you achieve those.

**Process**

* Provide all documentation requested above
* Complete the application below
* Send documentation and completed application to Marisela Martinez at Marisela@refugeelink.com
* Application deadline is Friday March 16th 2017 at 8:00 PM

Applicants will receive a response by April 30, 2018. All recipients must be available to attend Amaanah’s benefit dinner, Rays of Change 2018. The event will take place on Sunday, June 3, 2018.

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| **Name:** | **Phone Number:** | **Date of Arrival to the US:** |
| **Date of Birth:** | **G.P.A.** | **Class Rank:** |
| **Current School:** | **Principal’s Name :** |
| **Country of Origin:** | **Name of Parent/Guardian:** |
| **Home Address:** |

**Please provide a list of all your immediate family members (Siblings and Parents)**

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| **Name:** | **Age** | **Relationship**  |
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