



The Naseem Rachdi Memorial Scholarship

The Naseem Rachdi Memorial Scholarship, established in March of 2007, was created to benefit full-time undergraduate students pursuing studies within the Department of Communication at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. The scholarship commemorates Naseem Rachdi, who, in his short life, exhibited a remarkable talent for communication. By age 15 he had learned three languages, loved writing news for his Radio class, impersonating BBC announcers, and was well-known for composing and singing clever “raps”. The scholarship is designed to help promising communicators to realize their own potential. Recipients will be announced by May 15. The amount of the award to High School recipients will be \$1000 (to be disbursed in \$500 increments in the fall and spring terms).

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANT SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

- a. Applicant must be a senior in a public school in Allen County, Indiana, or Indiana counties bordering Allen County (Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, Noble, Wells, or Whitley).
 - b. Applicant must enroll at IPFW as a full time student declaring a major in Communication.
 - c. Applicants must be recommended by a high school teacher of English, Communication, Journalism, or related field. Recommendation must be sent separately before application deadline.
 - d. Applicant must demonstrate participation in relevant extracurricular activities such as media production, speech teams, debate, yearbook involvement, or other clubs or organizations related to media studies, communication, or writing.
 - e. The award will be based on merit and financial need. Therefore, the applicant must complete and file FAFSA paperwork by March 10.
 - f. Applicant must write and attach a typed essay (of approximately 1500 words) entitled “Why I Want a Communication Degree.”
 - g. Application must be returned to the Department of Communication, NF 230, IPFW by March 15.
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The Naseem Rachdi Memorial Scholarship Application

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

High School presently attending: _____ County _____

Address of High School: _____ Phone: _____

High School Senior ___yes___no Present High School GPA: _____

Participates in (extracurricular activity): _____

Will attend IPFW fulltime in fall: ___yes___no study in: COMI ___COMM___

FAFSA paperwork filed and sent to IPFW: ___yes___no Essay attached ___yes___no

Recommendation to be mailed by: _____



Applicant please fill in your name and give to an English, Communication, Journalism, or related field teacher to complete and mail separately to: Department of Communication, NF 230, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd. , Fort Wayne, IN. 46805 by March 15.

The Naseem Rachdi Memorial Scholarship Recommendation:

Applicant Name: _____

Teacher completing recommendation: _____

I presently work at: _____ I teach: _____

I have known the applicant: _____ In what capacity? _____

I would recommend the applicant: _____ yes _____ no

If yes why? If no, why not? (attach additional sheet if needed)