



### **AUA Mosaic Scholarship Rules and Regulations:**

1) **Number and Size of Awards.** Creative Learning will determine the exact number and funding amount of AUA Mosaic Scholarships awarded depending on funds available, the number of applications, and the quality of submitted applications. Recipients will be selected by a Creative Learning-appointed panel that reviews applications on a rolling basis. All applications will be reviewed by the panel within six weeks of their submission. Should Creative Learning expend all program funds prior to August 1, 2012 notification will be posted on the AUA website.

2) **Eligibility.** All recipients must be an American citizen or permanent resident over the age of 18 who has been accepted OR is applying to one of the AUA Directory-listed organizations. Creative Learning staff, consultants, board members, advisory board members, and their family members are not eligible to apply. All recipients of the AUA Mosaic Scholarship will be members of the AUA Network, which is free to join at: <http://unofficialambassadors.org/get-involved/americas-unofficial-ambassador-network/>

3) **Disbursement of Awards.** An AUA Mosaic Scholarship includes up to \$5,000 in support for a volunteer's service through an organization listed in the AUA Directory in a Muslim-majority country. AUA Mosaic Scholarships may only be used for programs of organizations profiled in the AUA Directory ([www.unofficialambassadors.org](http://www.unofficialambassadors.org)). Disbursement of scholarship funds by Creative Learning is contingent on applicants being accepted into an AUA Directory-listed organization. Creative Learning will only disburse scholarship funds directly to the AUA Directory-listed organization, a travel agent, or an airline. Flip cameras will be sent directly to scholarship recipients prior to their departure.

4) **Timing of Volunteer Service.** Successful applicants must begin their volunteer program within one calendar year of their acceptance of a Mosaic Scholarship. Given the high number of applications, deferrals are not possible.

5) **Criteria for Successful Applications.** Applications will be judged by the following criteria:

- a. Commitment to service – Successful applicants will convey their commitment to building people-to-people partnerships through service and explain their goals for the volunteer experience.
- b. Diversity factor – Successful applicants will clearly illustrate how they personally represent the diversity of America.
- c. Communication skills – Successful applicants will demonstrate their ability to write or film captivating blog posts and to give engaging public presentations about their volunteer experience.
- d. Initiative – Successful applicants will demonstrate a plan and the initiative to raise funds to make possible their service opportunity if they are awarded a partial scholarship. They will also secure two letters of commitment from organizations at which they plan to give presentations about their volunteer experience upon their return.

6) **Obligations of Scholarship Recipients.** AUA Mosaic Scholarship recipients commit to participating fully in an AUA Directory-listed program, partnering with an AUA Mentor, blogging about their volunteer experiences, and presenting to audiences at home about their volunteer experiences:

- a. Volunteer Service – Scholarship recipients will build peace through volunteer service with an AUA Directory-listed organization. Recipients will act as unofficial ambassadors, maintaining a



culturally aware and open-minded attitude, creating a positive impression of America in the Muslim World.

- b. Mentoring Program – Scholarship recipients will work with an AUA Mentor in a spirit of partnership to make the most of their time as an unofficial ambassador. The recipient and the mentor will communicate before, during, and after the recipient’s overseas volunteer service.
- c. Blogging – Scholarship recipients will blog about their volunteer experience before, during and after their service. Successful blog posts will show how the recipient’s service is making a difference as well as reflect active cross-cultural engagement with the community in the host country. For volunteer programs of less than a month, recipients will submit a minimum of three blog posts: before, during, and after service. For programs of one month to a year, recipients will contribute at least one monthly post in addition to the ‘before’ and ‘after’ posts. Recipients’ blog posts will be featured on the America’s Unofficial Ambassadors Blog and Newsletter.
- d. Presentations – Scholarship recipients will give at least two presentations about their volunteer experience to their home communities within six weeks of their return. Successful presentations will highlight the impact of the volunteer experience and put a human face on the concept of building peace through service. Venues for presentations may include local high schools, universities, faith organizations, places of worship and community centers.

7) **Forfeiture of Funds.** Failure by scholarship recipients to abide by the terms of the agreement for these awards will result in forfeiture of scholarship funds.