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Affiliation Membership Charter

Introduction

The Muslim Students Association of the US & Canada – also known as MSA National – is an umbrella organization that supports and represents Muslim students in their Muslim Students Associations (MSAs) in high schools, colleges, universities, and professional schools in the United States and Canada.

MSA National was established in 1963 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign by students and is one of the oldest Muslim organizations in North America.

Mission

MSA National seeks the pleasure of Allah (SWT) by empowering Muslim students with resources aimed at fostering character and leadership development (tarbiyyah), campus activism and da'wah, and connecting for a unified vision.

Vision

MSA National envisions a unifying movement, rooted in deen, of all Muslim Student Associations, cultivating safe and transformative spaces for all Muslims on campus and continuing to serve the Ummah beyond graduation.

Guiding Principles

1. Love is our highest aspiration.
2. Knowledge precedes our actions.
3. Truthfulness is the mark of our speech.
4. Patience is the hallmark of our planning.
5. Sincerity is the foundation of our existence.
6. Forgiveness precedes our reconciliatory efforts.
7. Humility guides our conduct.
8. Gratitude binds our hearts together.
9. Tolerance is the banner of our outreach.
10. Moderation is the compass for our journey.

Affiliation Program

Our commitments to affiliated MSAs

1. To work towards developing Muslim Student Associations (MSAs) to be exemplary communities on campus.
2. To support and provide guidance and services to MSAs and their members.
3. To represent the interest of Muslim students and MSAs on a national and regional level.
4. To work towards ensuring basic provisions are provided for by educational institutions.
5. To provide MSAs and students with a platform to share knowledge and best practices.
6. To provide opportunities for MSAs to engage with the community and wider society.
7. To treat MSAs with the utmost respect and courtesy.
8. To ensure our strategic plans are in line with the current needs of Muslim students and MSAs.
9. To always act ethically and morally.

Benefits of Affiliation of a Local MSA

1. Join a network of MSA student leaders in the United States and Canada in an efficient and secure manner
2. Participate in regular programming for leadership and member development
3. Have access to trusted resources and toolkits to further programming on campus: accessing halal food, attaining prayer spaces, and developing successful boards
4. Have access to affordable and free programming to further Islamic education
5. Have access to a network of scholars and support for mentorship development
6. Build a united Muslim student voice
7. Continued autonomy of local MSA programming

Affiliation Period

Affiliation with MSA National runs on an academic term basis. Affiliation for 2024 will run from **January 1, 2024, to July 1, 2024**. After this period, the affiliation period will restart and MSAs must renew their affiliation with MSA National. More information will be provided by May 15, 2024.

Terms & Agreement

Affiliation and Opt-Out Policy

All Muslim Student Associations are considered affiliated with MSA National upon completion of the Chapter Affiliation form at the start of each academic year (June - August). A

non-refundable affiliation fee of \$20 is recommended, but chapters can still complete full affiliation if payment is not possible.

Complaints

As an affiliated chapter, your MSA is part of the Muslim student ecosystem. If you feel that we are not performing our duties to the best of our abilities, please make your voice heard and let us know. Suggestions or complaints can be made via email to info@msanational.org.